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Dear Colleague,

**Head of department for computer science & ICT**

Thank you for taking an interest in joining our school. I have no doubt that all schools describe their job opportunities as exciting, but this post gives you the chance to join a strong team in a vibrant, happy and successful school and to make a real difference to the school’s future development.

The successful candidate will join the school at an exciting time. The school’s current headteacher, Simon Grieves, is stepping down at Easter after 13 years in the post. I will be taking over after Easter and am excited to have the chance to appoint to the post of head of computer science and ICT.

As you’ll see from the pack, this is an unusually inclusive school, it hosts a 50-place resourced provision, one of Derbyshire largest SEND provisions, and by September 2025 around 10% of the school’s cohort will be students with EHCPs. However, alongside this highly inclusive approach, the school delivers academic excellence, its progress 8 score for the summer 2024 exams was + 0.34.

The school teaches GCSE Computer Science and Cambridge National Creative iMedia, both are popular with students, and both typically deliver excellent results.

I have spent a lot of time in the school as I prepare to take over the headship. It’s a fantastic place, the location, the facilities, the students, but above all the enthusiasm, professionalism and “team spirit” of the staff really are something special.

Some years ago, the school set itself a challenge “*to* *deliver an education ranking alongside the best schools nationally; whilst remaining a highly inclusive, friendly, community school”.* Itpromised that it would not achieve its aims by putting staff under unreasonable pressure, by coercion, or by endless bureaucracy. It would work a different way; by being supportive, putting learning at the centre of its work and by staff working as a team. This isn’t an easy way to work, but the school’s latest Ofsted report, from October 2024, will give you a good idea of the progress that has been made.

I hope that the information in this pack, on the website and in the Ofsted report leaves you keen to apply; if so, we would be delighted to hear from you. Your application should consist of the completed application form, and a letter of no more than two sides of A4. Your letter should answer the question: ‘’Why might your skills and experience make you the right person for this role?’’

I know that choosing to apply for any job, is a big decision. We are happy to arrange telephone conversations or visits to the school for interested candidates. The school is closed for the Easter break from Friday 4th April until Tuesday 22nd April.

To arrange a tour, or a telephone conversation, please contact Diane Hibbert, PA to the leadership team on recruitment@chapelhigh.org.uk.

The deadline for receipt of your application, by post or e-mail, is **Friday 25th April, 12 noon,** with interviews planned for **Wednesday 7th May.**

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



**Greg Raynor**

**Headteacher**