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Dear Candidate

Thank you very much for expressing an interest in the position of Head of Religious Education.

At Hatch End High School Religious Education is a hugely successful subject at both Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5, with all students following to GCSE.

We have a diverse demographic and have created inspiring and thought-provoking schemes of learning at Key Stage 3, where we focus on philosophy and ethics as well as religion. We introduce our younger students to critical thinking and analytic study as we believe these skills are of the greatest importance for their development in Religious Education as well as their broader education. We follow the Eduqas specification at GCSE and offer OCR A Level Religious Studies (focusing on units in Philosophy, Ethics, and Christian Developments). Experience teaching other related Humanities or Social Sciences would also be desirable in a new Head of Department. If a candidate were interested/experienced in leading PCSHE delivery, there could be a potential TLR uplift.

We are looking for someone with a passion for education, an interest in and knowledge of religion, philosophy and ethics and an ability to inspire and lead others. The main responsibilities of the Head of Department will be overseeing the academic progress of all students who study RE and also the professional and personal wellbeing of colleagues within the department.

Hatch End High School is a warm, vibrant and stimulating place to work. We are a lead school in teacher training and regularly welcome many trainees from the highly acclaimed TeachFirst Programme. Continuing professional development is at the core of everything we do, and you would be joining an organisation which believes that our teachers and middle leaders form the engine room of any school's success. All teachers are encouraged to pursue a wide range of professional development and we play a key role in a highly successful Teaching School Alliance. You would receive outstanding support from a dynamic Senior Leadership Team and be offered numerous opportunities to grow in the school's success.

Our website has comprehensive information on the many fantastic opportunities at the school and would urge you to read this before applying. If you would like to discuss the role informally before submitting an application, please do not hesitate to contact hr@hatchend.harrow.sch.uk.

I very much look forward to reading your application.

Very best wishes.

Ms S Maguire
Headteacher