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Dear Colleague

We are delighted that you are considering applying for the position of Principal at Leeds Mathematics School. This is obviously a key post for us and the successful candidate will work directly with all of our key partners at the University of Leeds, at the Department for Education, across the Mathematics School network and within our trust.

The successful candidate will become the first Principal of Leeds Mathematics School and will need to have the ability and determination to successfully oversee all key aspects of our pre-opening phase and the establishment of a world class post-16 provision within the heart of the Leeds city region.

Leeds Mathematics School is a part of a nationwide drive to ensure that all children regardless of background are provided with an opportunity to successfully study mathematics and other A Levels directly connected to mathematics in an environment which is of the highest standard. A central motivation of the Mathematics School programme is to ensure that important groups in society who are currently under-represented in the study of Further Mathematics and Mathematics at A Level are provided with the expert teaching and support to succeed at the highest level at advanced and undergraduate level study. We take this responsibility extremely seriously.

Leeds Mathematic School will open its doors to students for the first time in September 2023. Our partnership with the University of Leeds is profound and will be at the centre of the character and ethos of the school. That ethos will see us engaging in one of the most important outreach programmes regarding the development of higher attaining mathematical excellence in primary and secondary schools anywhere in the country.

Critically, the successful candidate will become a Principal within The GORSE Academies Trust which is recognised by government as the highest performing academy trust in the country regarding the progress of pupils in all key stages. The trust is renowned for the excellence of its work with less advantaged pupils from all backgrounds. The Morley Academy was the successful named applicant school in our bid to become Leeds Teaching School Hub, a status which commenced in September 2021. This means that we are directly responsible for the training and development of all teachers in Leeds from the moment that they consider joining the profession through to training for headship and beyond.

We are entirely confident that Leeds Mathematics School will become a great school over the coming years. All of the key ingredients are in place for that process to successfully take place other than the appointment of the Principal who will lead that exciting process.

Sir John Townsley
Chief Executive Officer