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Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the post of Second in Department of Geography and Travel & Tourism at The Piggott School. We are an extremely successful, oversubscribed and happy co-educational academy. Our senior school site is on the outskirts of Wargrave (near Twyford) and our primary school site is in the village of Charvil.

The Piggott School was established in 1939 and, together with our primary site at Charvil, we are an all-through 4-18, mixed, comprehensive school with a higher than average ability intake. The Piggott School senior site, where this role is based, has 1624 students and 175 staff.

Geography is a very popular subject at the school, with cohorts of over 120 in each of Years 9, 10 and 11, and a further 74 pupils studying geography at A-Level. GCSE results are outstanding, with the department consistently achieving ALPS grade 2 in recent years. A-Level and Level 3 results are also consistently very strong, with a three year A* - B average of 67% for A-Level geography and 96% D* - M for Level 3 BTEC Travel and Tourism.

The department is made up of five full-time specialist geography teachers, with other staff also having the opportunity to teach the subject too. The department prides itself on establishing excellent relationships with pupils and staff dedicate a lot of their time to ensuring that pupils are not only enthused and inspired during lessons, but also supported outside of lesson time with several after-school revision and catch-up sessions running each week. In addition, the department offer a wide range of school trips, including a popular biennial trip to Iceland.

Key Stage 3 geography covers a wide range of topics, developing both skills and geographical knowledge. Pupils choose their options in Year 8 and, those who choose geography, will study the AQA specification for GCSE. Those who choose to continue into sixth form follow the two year AQA A-Level course.

All teaching staff are focused on delivering inspiring and challenging lessons with best practice being shared amongst all to improve teaching and learning. The departmental team looks forward to working with a dedicated colleague who has a clear vision and commitment to helping the department move forward and flourish over the coming years.

Our mission is to be a school which inspires and encourages the highest achievement for each and every child. I believe that our school provides the correct balance and blend of academic challenge, personal care and enrichment that fosters the holistic development of each and every student.



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The quality of teaching and learning at our school enables us to achieve our aim to help every student to develop into the very best they can be: to be independent in their thinking, to value lifelong learning, to be open to new ideas, to encourage respect and tolerance.

The care and guidance offered at our school by the outstanding staff provide a culture and ethos which successfully help every child feel safe, happy and challenged. Our pupils are a delight to teach, with OfSTED grading us outstanding for personal development, behaviour and welfare, leadership and management, and SIAMS grading our school as outstanding.

The following documents need to be completed to apply for the post.

1. Application form
2. Covering letter

Please visit our website for additional information about the school and to download our prospectus. Prospective candidates are also most welcome to make an appointment with Laura Somerton, Head of Geography at somertonl@piggottschool.org

Please do not hesitate to contact Caroline Preston, my PA, (prestonc@piggottschool.org) if you have any questions about the application or appointment process, or any questions for me.

The Piggott School is a unique and inspiring school. I am seeking to appoint an outstanding teacher and leader. I very much look forward to receiving your application and to welcoming successful applicants to our learning community for interview.

D J Gray
Executive Headteacher
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