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Dear Applicant

**TEACHER OF ART AND DESIGN – Maternity Cover**

Thank you for your interest in this position. Our Art and Design Technology faculty is innovative and successful with a commitment to continuous improvement. We have high aspirations for our students and hope that you will want to be part of our team as we meet the challenges which lie ahead.

Soham Village College is a splendid place to work. Our highly skilled teams of teachers and support staff work in a supportive culture with a commitment to high quality professional development and the delivery of outstanding teaching and learning. The strong relationships between students and staff, the well-resourced classrooms and the beautiful 40-acre site contribute to an extremely positive learning environment. We offer over 90 extra-curricular activities and are consistently over-subscribed.

Our GCSE results, as exemplified by the 2019 progress 8 score of +0.44, continue to be strong as a result of highly skilful teaching. Ofsted identified in December 2016 “a culture of academic excellence.” Inspectors also wrote “the high-quality care and welfare that permeates the school provides a nurturing environment that supports pupils extremely well” and that “pupils like their school and are proud to be members of the school community.”

We are particularly proud of our students, who are well-motivated and keen to learn. Ofsted praised them for their positive attitudes; the strength of their relationships with staff; their behaviour; their courtesy and their tolerance of others’ ideas and viewpoints.

I hope that you will decide to apply for this post. More information is available from our website [www.sohamvc.org](http://www.sohamvc.org) and you are welcome to phone if you would like any additional information.

Please complete the application form and forward it to Human Resources, together with a separate letter addressed to me (no more than two sides of A4), stating your reasons for applying and your approach to teaching Art and Design. If you decide to apply, I look forward to receiving your application by **9am, Wednesday 5 May 2021**.

As you have seen from our advertisement, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment. This means that we will require the successful candidate to undergo an enhanced DBS check as well as a Barred List check (List 99) and Teacher Prohibition check.

I know that completing applications can be time-consuming and I thank you in advance for your time. I look forward to meeting you at interview, should your application be successful.

Yours sincerely

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