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Dear Candidate

**TEACHER OF COMPUTING**

Thank you for requesting details of the post of Teacher of Computing at Colchester County High School for Girls. I hope the information below will help you with your application but please contact me if you require further information.

The School is very popular with a reputation for excellent results within a caring environment, as evidenced by the following comments taken from our last Ofsted Report.

• “Colchester County High School for Girls is an outstanding school.” “It continues to strive for, and achieves excellence in all it does.”

• “Students say they relish the independence teachers give them and appreciate the high levels of encouragement.” “Students talk positively about the environment and facilities that this new building offers, particularly for music.” “Students have excellent opportunities to take on additional responsibility and make a positive contribution to the school and the community beyond.”

• “Students say they feel safe and supported both by the school and by each other.” Parents “stated how the school had ‘balanced study, social development and student happiness’ extremely well.”

• “Leadership and management at all levels of the school are outstanding.” “Governors remain highly supportive and actively involved in the strategic development of the school.”

• “The school’s contribution to community cohesion is outstanding and supports students’ personal development well.”

• “The development of students’ leadership and team working skills is excellent.”

This position offers a rare and exciting opportunity to join a committed and motivated team in a unique learning environment and to experience the immense satisfaction of working with able and enthusiastic students. The school is innovative and creative, having Leading Edge Status; many teaching staff are involved in action-led research and the school leads training and development for the Alpha Teaching School Hub and Colchester Teacher Training Consortium (CTTC). In addition, there are opportunities for collaboration with colleagues across Alpha Trust.

The Computing Department at Colchester County High School for Girls is both a friendly and a successful one, in which all members of staff share a genuine enthusiasm for the teaching of their subject. Our students are motivated and exciting to teach; expectations of our students are high and they require a challenging and stimulating approach.

Facilities in the Computing department include 3 well equipped classrooms, each with ICT and projectors. There is a Computing office and store. At GCSE, students follow the GCSE Computer Science OCR J276 course and A Level Computing Science AQA 7517. In 2019, GCSE students achieved 88% grades 9-7 and 100% in 2021 (Teacher Assessed Grades). Our first A Level cohort completed their studies in 2021 with 100% A\*/A (Teacher Assessed Grades). In Year 7, students use Raspberry Pi for programming and in Year 8 students have the opportunity to complete Microsoft Office specialist certificated units. A range of lunchtime and afterschool clubs run throughout the year and the school participates in competitions related to this subject.

The successful candidate will be expected to teach all key stages in Computing. They will be required to undertake Form Tutor responsibilities including the teaching of PSHCE, be involved in extra-curricular activities and participate in the 11+ entrance examination day. This post would suit Early Career Teachers including those on ITT courses due to qualify this year.

Colchester County High School for Girls is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced criminal record check by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

If you feel that Colchester County High School for Girls can provide the challenges and opportunities you are looking for then please complete the school application form and send, supported by a covering letter, addressed to the Executive Principal as soon as possible – applications will be considered on receipt and certainly by the closing date: **Midday on 29 November 2021**. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Yours sincerely



Gillian Marshall (Mrs)

Executive Principal