Dear Colleague

**Teacher of music**

Thank you for taking an interest in this post. I am sure that all schools describe their job opportunities as exciting but this post really is a great opportunity. You’ll have the chance to join a strong team in a happy, friendly and successful school situated in a beautiful rural area,

I joined the school in September 2011 and can confirm that it is a great place to work. The location, the facilities, the students, but above all the enthusiasm, professionalism and “team spirit” of the staff really are something special.

Some years ago, we set ourselves the challenge of delivering the best possible education for our students whilst remaining a friendly, happy, highly inclusive, community school. We promised that we wouldn’t achieve our aims by putting staff under unreasonable pressure, by coercion, or by endless bureaucracy. Here we would do it a different way; by being supportive, putting learning and progress at the centre of our work and by working as a team. We believe in developing outstanding teachers and respecting their professionalism, we want our staff to enjoy their work and our students to enjoy their education.

Our latest Ofsted report, from May 2019, and strong summer 2023 results, give an idea of the progress that we have made. We are proud of our achievements; they give us confidence that our approach works, but we know we can do even better.

This post is a maternity cover for our head of music. We have two options for covering the post. We are happy to appoint a teacher of music and we will make alternative arrangements for the leadership of the department. Alternatively, a suitably experienced teacher could take on the acting leadership of the department. If you choose to apply for the job please make clear in your letter which of these options would interest you.

We are looking for a teacher who is an excellent classroom practitioner with ideas, drive and enthusiasm. The successful candidate must have a genuine interest in young people, an absolute commitment to inclusive education and a real desire to make a difference.

I hope that the information in this pack, on our website and in our Ofsted report leaves you keen to apply; if so we would be delighted to hear from you. Your application should consist of the completed application form, and a statement/letter of no more than two sides of A4. The statement should indicate: *how you would use your strengths and experience to deliver outstanding progress in music for our students.*

You are very welcome to come and look around our school before deciding whether to apply. I think you will like what you see. Just drop me an e-mail if you would like to come and take a look, or would like an informal conversation about the posts (sgrieves@chapelhigh.org.uk). If you do apply, the “Notes on Applying” which are enclosed should help you. Please note that the deadline for receipt of your application, by post or e-mail, is **12 noon on Wednesday 13th December** with interviews planned for **Monday 18th December.**

Good luck and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

**Simon Grieves**

**Headteacher**