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Teacher of RE

Dear Applicant

If you are reading this letter, I'm going to assume you are interested in our Teacher of RE vacancy.

Firstly – thank you! I'm delighted that our vacancy has piqued your interest and, if, after reading this letter and the various supporting documents you feel you have the necessary skills and experiences to make a successful application, I urge you to apply.

I'm often asked whether you need to be of a particular faith to work here – my answer is, of course not! Your faith – or lack of faith – is not important to us. What matters is your ability to deliver excellent teaching and commitment to continued professional development.

Our long-standing, and successful, Head of RE is taking retirement at the end of this academic year. We have already appointed (internally) his replacement so, if successful, you will be joining the Department at an exciting time.

The team is research-engaged and the new Head of Department is determined to develop the department to ensure that RE enhances its strong reputation among students. If successful you will join a team of 3 specialist RE teachers. Sitting within a wider, collegiate, Humanities Faculty, you'll find that History and Geography colleagues also play their part in the delivery of RE teaching, particularly at KS3. As a faith school, RE plays an important wider role. All students study RE GCSE and our A-Level course is popular with students. If successful you'll have the opportunity to work to support the wider spiritual and moral education that we offer, whether through the assembly programme, working with the Chaplain or supporting the work of our form tutors.

As an organisation our aim is to develop expertise among staff and students. Our CPD support for staff plays a crucial role in achieving this aim and you will find staff at all levels engaged in CPD to hone their practice and provide the very best we can for the students entrusted to our care. If you are currently a trainee teacher, we would love to hear from you. We have a comprehensive package of support for our NQT colleagues and the Humanities Faculty is experienced in providing excellent support to NQT colleagues.

So, if you like what you've read and heard about us, and believe you could make a positive contribution to the next chapter of RE teaching at Bishop Stopford School please make an application.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Warm regards



Jill Silverthorne
Headteacher