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## Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish and French)

Dear Applicant,

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

Our school is a great place to work, and there is a significant emphasis on Languages within our curriculum. You will join a school where – unlike the majority in the country - *all* students study a language to GCSE. Our A-Level courses in Spanish and French attract students from beyond our own school. Our Head of Faculty has a clear vision about ensuring that there is a sustained strong regard for Languages amongst students and parents. If successful, you will join a team of seven specialist teachers with a broad range of experience. The collegiate nature of our team means you will be very welcome – either experienced or new to the profession - to contribute fully to the Languages experience at our school.

If successful, you'll have the opportunity to practise within our strong and supportive ethos. Our Anglican heritage doesn't require you to be of any faith to join our staff team, but gives a great foundation for all that we do. Perhaps I can let our Outstanding SIAMS inspection report speak for us in this regard? *'Five deeply embedded, long established, Christian values, which are relevant to everyone, [create] an ethos in which harmonious and respectful relationships enable everyone to flourish'*.

Our unrelenting focus is to develop the strongest professional expertise in teaching, learning and leading. CPD plays a crucial role in achieving this aim and you will find staff at all levels engaged in CPD and research – either delivering or participating - to hone their practice and provide the very best we can for the students entrusted to our care. The Languages Faculty engages with research and teachers are currently involved in a number of different research projects.

If you are training, you are very welcome to apply for a post with us. We have a comprehensive package of support for ECF colleagues. We offer all ECTs the opportunity for a July start to prepare for the new school year - as well as ensuring that you are paid over the summer holidays.

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 MFL teaching at Bishop Stopford School, please make an application.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards



Jill Silverthorne  
Headteacher