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Dear Applicant



Thank you for your interest in the post teacher of modern foreign languages at The Hollins Technology College. The Governors are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, skilled and dynamic teacher to join our committed, innovative and highly successful MFL department. French is the main language taught at Key Stage 3 with Spanish picked up as a second language by the majority of students in Year 9. To complement the existing team, a strength in Spanish would be an advantage.



At Key Stage 4 the number of pupils studying a language at GCSE is steady and some students complete the Entry Level Certificate at the end of Year 9. The school is committed to encouraging students to study a language and we have supported relatively small class sizes.



Students at The Hollins make excellent progress at both key stages. GCSE results in 2006 showed the school as the second most improved in England based on the number of students achieving 5A*-C grades including English and maths. In 2007 the results improved further and the KS3 contextual value added placed us in the top 50 schools nationally and at Key Stage 4 the school was on the DCSF list of the top 56 schools nationally, based on those which achieved a much better result in 2007 than would have been predicted from their intake at age 11, on the 5+A*-C including English and maths measure. The prediction was 32% and we achieved 52%, placing us joint twenty-ninth. Results have continued to be excellent with the most recent figures (2010) 75.5% 5 A*-C grades, 61% including English and maths. Languages results at GCSE were also very good, with 37% of all entries being awarded A and A* grades.



The most recent Ofsted inspection (November 2007) recognised The Hollins as a good school with a number of outstanding features.



We welcome applications from NQTs or experienced teachers. Should you wish to speak with me (on an informal basis), please do not hesitate to telephone me.

We look forward to receiving your completed application form together with a letter of application.



Yours sincerely

CLOSING DATE: 17 March 2011 (Noon)

INTERVIEW DATE: 25 March 2011

M Jackson
Headteacher

