

Dear Applicant

February 2017

Thank you for your interest in the posts of **Head of Department: Drama**

JCoSS is an academic, aspirational learning community with an innovative and pluralist Jewish ethos. Opened in 2010 in a new £48m building, we have reached full capacity this year as our first cohort reaches Year 13. The school enjoys an excellent reputation across North London and is heavily oversubscribed. Our early cohorts have achieved outstanding GCSE results, with 40% of grades at A\* and A, and just under a quarter of students achieving 9A or better. We have consistently achieved ALPS Grade 2 at both GCSE and A level, putting us in the top 10% for added value, and were amongst the top 100 non-selective schools nationally in 2015. Our 2015 Ofsted inspection graded us Good with a number of Outstanding features, including the 6th form and our provision for students with SEN.

Our staff are enthusiastic professionals who combine commitment and flexibility, and the culture of the school is one of purposeful good humour and humanity. Our families are motivated, eloquent and supportive, with high expectations, and our students are enormous fun to teach. We are determined to offer them the very best academic and vocational education, and to support and challenge all in attaining the highest results and developing open hearts and minds.

The Drama department is part of the Expressive Arts Faculty, which also encompasses Dance, Music and PE. We encourage a culture of collaboration and development to create a curriculum which is exciting, diverse and challenging and enables students to produce excellent outcomes in all the subject areas. There are currently nine teaching staff within the Faculty. Students are entered for Edexcel GCSE Drama and A Level Drama and Theatre Studies. If you are a very good teacher, of any faith or none, who can offer both the practical and theoretical elements of Drama and who ideally has stagecraft experience, we are very keen to hear from you.

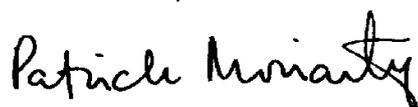
If you think you have the qualities to be a very good Head of Department, and are of any faith or none, we are very keen to hear from you.

Please complete the application form as fully as possible, and attach a separate letter of application. As a guide, this should be no more than two sides of A4, addressing the criteria identified in the Person Specification, explaining how your experience has prepared you for this role and school, and outlining a vision for your contribution to JCoSS. The closing date for applications is 9 a.m. on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and the interview will be on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, however we reserve the right to interview before the closing date. Successful shortlisted candidates will be contacted by email or telephone. The successful applicant will take up post in September 2017, or earlier by negotiation.

JCoSS is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All posts are subject to satisfactory enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) clearance.

Should you have further questions or wish to have a confidential conversation, please contact Colette Puchalski, Head of Faculty, at the school. We look forward very much to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely



Patrick Moriarty, **Headteacher**