

March 2017

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the post of **Head of Department: Physics**.

JCoSS is an innovative and highly successful school, known and respected for its vision, humanity and excellent outcomes. An aspirational learning community with an innovative and pluralist Jewish ethos, we opened in 2010 in a beautiful £48m building on the edge of the Green Belt. We have reached full capacity this year as our first cohort reaches Year 13, and are heavily oversubscribed, with a bulge class planned for 2017. 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 SEN provision.

Our staff are enthusiastic professionals, and the culture of the school is one of purposeful good humour and integrity. Our families are motivated, eloquent and supportive, with high expectations, and our students are ambitious and fun to teach. We are determined to offer them the very best academic and vocational education, to support and challenge all in developing open hearts and minds and attaining the highest results. We welcome new challenges and are keen to form partnerships, with exciting possible developments on the horizon.

The Science Faculty comprises Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology. All students study Science to GCSE, about half taking triple science, and all 4 subjects are already popular choices at A level. The School's Specialist Status ensures that Science enjoys a high profile. Accommodation is up to date and generous and the faculty team is committed and enthusiastic.

We seek a talented and experienced teacher of Physics to lead the subject team and contribute to the faculty. We currently teach the AQA Science specification at both Key Stage 4 and 5. Due to curriculum changes the role will contain a strong emphasis on the creation and management of new schemes of learning in your designated subject area. Experience in the administration of examination subjects is extremely desirable.

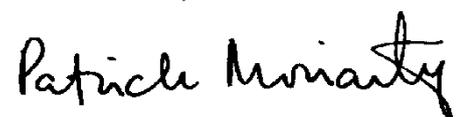
Opportunities and support abound, and the post would suit either an experienced middle leader or someone less experienced but with clear potential. Above all we look for vision, commitment to the learning of students and of self, and a sense of humour – all hallmarks of the team. We welcome applicants of any faith or none – the staff and leadership of the school is diverse in this respect and we are proud of our reputation for interfaith initiative and social action. If you are an inspirational and aspirational professional, and a consistently good or outstanding teacher, 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 9am on Friday 24th March 2017. The interview will be on Tuesday 28th March 2017, but we reserve the right to interview suitable applicants before this date. Successful shortlisted candidates will be contacted by email or telephone. The successful applicant will take up post in September 2017, or sooner 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 Dr Hannah Oliver, Head of Science Faculty, at the school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Moriarty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'P'.

Patrick Moriarty
Headteacher