Dear Colleague

**Head of English**

Thank you for your interest in The Joseph Whitaker School and the post of Head of English. I trust that you find the enclosed information useful and that you will want to apply.

The Joseph Whitaker School is a popular oversubscribed school, which became part of the East Midlands Education Trust on 1 September 2016. Although we have over 1200 students on roll, a strong family ethos has been created, built on very good relationships and staff knowing their students well. We were inspected in March 2019 and judged to be a “good school” and attainment levels are in line and/or above the national averages at both GCSE and Post 16.

All Staff enjoy a high level of support and we believe you should be able to teach without disruption in a purposeful environment. We have very high expectations, believing that learning should be challenging, stimulating and above all enjoyable. We have a very strong focus on adopting a collaborative approach to the development of learning and teaching. The school has a strong team ethos and although everyone works very hard, it is a fun and supportive environment.

The English Faculty achieves good examination results and we are committed to building on our current success. Progress in English is in line with expectations although the gap between boys and girls is clearly evident. Whole school and departmental initiatives are slowly beginning to increase boys’ performance. Students are given the opportunity to study GCSE English and English Literature, Film Studies at KS4 and Media Studies at KS5, English Combined and English Literature at KS5.

We have a comprehensive website, www.josephwhitaker.org, where you will find more information about the school. I have enclosed a Job Description and an application form.

This information can of course only give you a flavour of the school. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to either visit us or to contact me directly. (belld@josephwhitaker.org)

The closing date is noon on **Friday 13 March 2020 at noon.**

Thank you for your interest in our school and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



David Bell

Headteacher