



21st March 2022

Dear Applicant

Thank you for taking the time to consider the post of Assistant Headteacher at our school. I am delighted to be taking up the position of Headteacher from 19th April 2022. I am excited to be putting together a senior team who share my vision for Garratt Park school to be a centre of excellence for the provision for young people with moderate learning difficulties. I am looking for a team who are hard-working, resilient with a strong moral compass with regard to getting the best for our students.

Our students are aged between 11-19 and whilst MLD is our predominant need, many are on the autistic spectrum, have a speech, language & communication need, social emotional needs and a few with physical/ sensory needs. The positive attitude and a love of learning is evident from the moment you walk into the school. This was noted by Ofsted in our full inspection (February 2019) and recent monitoring visit (December 2021). Our students make excellent progress along their pathways and achieve a range of accreditations including ELC, GCSE, ASDAN and BTEC so that they are ready for their next steps in education. We have a team of experienced and highly competent teachers, therapists and support staff so we are well placed to move the school forward by working together towards a shared vision. Do take a look at our website for more details about what we do and how we do it.

We encourage you to come and visit but do check our term dates if you would like to see the school in action. . Alternatively, I will be available to meet and show you around in the first week of the Easter holidays, but there will be no students on site. To make an appointment, please contact Janice Button on recruitment@garrattpark.wandsworth.sch.uk.

I encourage you to take a close look at the job description and person specification for the role. I am interested to know your strengths, interest and experience so that I can take these into account when considering the specific roles. Please note that the closing date for applications is 12pm on Thursday 21st April and we will send further details about the interview if you are shortlisted.

I look forward to reading your application.

Yours sincerely

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