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Dear prospective applicant,

Subject Leader for Art MPS/UPS plus TLR1a (paid at £7,774)

Thank you for your interest in the above position. As it states on our website, Durham Johnston is a happy, successful and dynamic school at a very exciting time in our history. We have a regional reputation for academic excellence, and we are well respected in the local community.

We are looking to recruit a talented and ambitious Subject Leader of Art who is both an expert practitioner and a colleague with a deep interest in their own subject. Our intake is fully comprehensive, although we have many students joining us in Year 7 with high levels of attainment. Among our students we have some of the best young minds, but we also have students who come with difficult life experiences and those who need their interest in learning to be sparked and ignited. We are seeking teachers who can offer academic stretch in addition to focused and exciting learning environments.

To this end, I encourage colleagues with a range of experiences to apply to work with us. We will appoint a teacher who can offer our students the very best of provision – whether that be someone early in their career and ambitious, or someone who is already an experienced Subject Leader.

I am very excited by this appointment. Every appointment of a teacher is of the utmost importance to the students. Should you be interested and want to talk to someone about the school and the department, please feel free to contact me, or Rosslyn McFadden, (Deputy Headteacher), or Shelia Hitchcock, (current Subject Leader for Art).

In addition to completing the application form we would like you to outline, in no more than two sides of A4 paper, why your experience and personal qualities make you a strong candidate for this important position.

Could you also provide answers to the following questions on a separate piece of A4 paper?

- Should the Subject Leader for Art be the best teacher within the department?
- What do you think represents outstanding teaching in Art?
- What are the implications for teaching Art, as a consequence of the introduction of the new KS4 and KS5 Qualifications?

The closing date is: 9.30 a.m. on Monday 21st May 2018. Please ensure you attach the correct postage when returning your application to avoid any unfortunate delay. If you are returning your application by email please use the following address: recruitment@durhamjohnston.org.uk

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Andrew O'Sullivan
Headteacher