To whom it may concern,

Thank you for your interest in the Teaching Assistant post at Ovingham Middle School.

It is my privilege to be the Headteacher of a school with such a highly regarded reputation not only for academic success but also for developing and nurturing its young people to become outstanding individuals.

Ovingham Middle School opened its *doors* in 1976 as a three form entry school designed to be a stepping stone between our three First Schools and the High School. It was to offer tailored pastoral care for the young people of Ovingham and the surrounding areas in a context that understood their specific age needs. It was also going to provide a transitional education that was designed to be rewarding and challenging.

It may be nearly 40 years ago, and a lot has changed in education since then, but Ovingham Middle School is still a fully subscribed three form entry school of 358 pupils and it is still here for those same reasons. We firmly place pastoral care, and ability to nurture and develop our pupils through this transitional age, at the heart of our educational philosophy. We welcome you into our family to feel what we mean by that.

As the Headteacher, in the changing world of education, I am aware of the pressures of academic success, parent choice, league tables, wider curriculum developments and readiness for GCSEs. We are a ‘Good’ School (OFSTED 2017) and on a journey to Outstanding. Our results are some of the highest in the Northumberland at KS2 SATS and our progress over the 4 years is well above national average. We provide a broad and rich curriculum with a mixture of specialist secondary and primary trained teachers. This enables us to provide a smooth transition between the traditional KS2 and KS3 curriculums which our parents value and support. It also means we can be creative, taking the best from both primary and secondary systems. Every member of staff here expects our pupils to not only give their best, but go beyond in every opportunity we offer, be it academic, field trips, sporting, musical or residential.

We are extremely proud of our heritage, our commitment to extra-curricular activities, our results and our reputation but we take more pride in the future of our pupils, knowing we were part of their journey.

Ovingham Middle School is committed to supporting its community and learners and to maintaining its philosophy. Through Opportunity we will provide and embed Motivation for individual Success in all. If you are interested in joining us on this journey then please contact us to arrange a visit or for further information. Please also look at our website, which contains a wide variety of information, to help you decide if Ovingham Middle School is a place where you feel you could further your career.

The advertised post is to support the teaching and learning across years 5,6,7 and 8 as well as taking a more active role in the support of Literacy and Numeracy through the delivery of intervention that will be in line with your strengths as a candidate. A good level of Literacy and numeracy is required to support our learners but good communication and a passion for helping young people achieve their best is equally important. You will be joining a team that is very supportive of each other. Our philosophy is that we are a team to help support the development of the child, each with individual skills and passions to make that happen.

I look forward to receiving your application. The deadline for applications is Noon on 11th December 2018. Applications after this date will not be considered and all positions offered are subject to an enhanced DBS check and successful references. Interviews will be held the week beginning 17th December 2018 with a start date of Monday 7th January 2019 or as soon as possible after.

Thank you

Yours Faithfully



Mr A Bennett

Headteacher