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THE PETERSFIELD SCHOOL

The Petersfield School (TPS) is a happy, thriving Academy which was rated Outstanding by Ofsted in June 2010. We are now moving towards becoming a world class Academy.

We are a mixed Academy (1250 on roll) with particular expertise in the Arts.

Examination results are very high – well above national averages (86% A*-C, 68% including English and Maths).

Our intakes for the next few years seem pretty similar in terms of potential and we can plan to improve many aspects of our performance – particularly in terms of 3-4 levels of progress in core subjects. We also want to ensure that our profile in FFT and Raiseonline remain extremely favourable.

Perhaps belying its rather comfortable setting in a peaceful Hampshire market town, TPS is a dynamic, innovative and ambitious school – well known for its developments in aspects such as curriculum provision, professional development, leadership and student voice.

We have so many badges and awards we can't fit them all on our letterhead these days! We are an Investor in People, a centre of excellence for Blue; gained awards from SSAT for our examination results. We are a consultant school for SSAT and have the International Schools Award for the wide range of links with schools in Europe, Africa and North America.

Behaviour is outstanding. Relationships are excellent and the students here are delightful young people.

We have 130 teachers and Associate Staff who combine effectively as a cheerful, supportive team. New staff are made to feel very welcome. Staff training and new staff induction has been highly commended, with our model adopted by several other local schools.

We have a burgeoning reputation for the quality of our Continuing Professional Development (we have an award for this, too!) – our model and programme regularly feature as an exemplar at a regional level.

Whilst the original buildings are over 50 years old and look it, we do have several highly attractive areas including The International Studio@TPS – our performance and gallery space and our floodlit Astroturf pitch which is the same quality as Manchester United's!



Governors have a “masterplan” to improve the school’s buildings, but it rather depends on our securing considerable capital funding.

We take our Performing Arts specialism very seriously – and will continue to do so during these changeable times. An enthusiasm and appreciation of the role the Arts can play is desirable in the successful appointee.

We have a superb House structure to help break down the size of the school and facilitate our outstanding pastoral system.

We operate a two year Key Stage 3 (Year 7 and 8) and a 3 year Key Stage 4 (Years 9 to 11). At age 16 students move on to the excellent local colleges – over 85% to pursue AS Levels. Ex-students have a strong track record of gaining admission to good universities including Oxbridge.

Senior staff are in great demand at regional level providing expertise in curriculum, timetabling, CPD, student voice, behaviour management and teaching and learning.

TPS plays a leading role in several important partnerships including the East Hants 14-19 Consortium and the East Hants Education Improvement Partnership. As an Academy we will expect to continue to lead in these areas and the successful appointee will have a crucial role in this aspect.

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Principal