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Dear Colleague,

Stockport School

I would like to thank you for your interest in the post of **Head of Year** at Stockport School.

This is an exciting opportunity for an ambitious and hardworking individual to join a successful school at an exciting time in its development. At Stockport School we are very proud of our broad and balanced curriculum offer and our community based inclusive ethos, which has over recent years, helped us to establish an excellent track record in terms of academic performance and achievement, placing us firmly, several times in recent years **within the top 10-15% of all schools nationally in terms of student progress and outcomes at GCSE.**

Stockport School continually seeks to instil a belief amongst our community in personal ambition, progress and achievement for all, aiming to be the best that we can be and outstanding in all areas. This is a challenge that we as a school, have evidently risen to, with Ofsted recently judging the school as **'Better than Good'**, and stating in their findings that...

"Senior leaders, including governors, lead the school well." The school is "well-run and oversubscribed" and "leaders have high expectations of their pupils". "Leaders aim to provide a first-rate and all-round education. They want to set pupils up for life."

"Pupils' life chances have been significantly improved, especially those of disadvantaged pupils, as a result of the school's relentless focus on high standards and its dedicated moral purpose. The school's motto 'Velis et Remis' – meaning 'with sails and oars' – aptly characterises the school's collective passion and determination to achieve its goals."

"... pupils are provided with high quality learning opportunities, which they enjoy and relish." "Teachers have high expectations of every pupil. Pupils rise to the challenge as a result. The most able, in particular, are on track to make even better progress than in previous years across many subjects because teachers aim high."

"Pastoral care is second to none." and

"Pupils' behaviour in class and around the school is exemplary."

Ofsted

Stockport School has also achieved continued success and recognition at a national and international level, receiving several high-profile awards across a range of areas for best practice that recognise the exceptional work that we undertake to support our students and ensure successful outcomes for our learners.

In addition, we have recently been recognised nationally, as runner-up at the prestigious **Goldsmiths National Community Awards**, and Stockport School was also a Finalist in the prestigious Manchester Evening News, **'Secondary School of the Year Award'**, and was the proud outright Winner of the Manchester Evening News, **'School in the Community Award'**.

In my role as Headteacher, I have also recently received a congratulatory letter from the Rt. Hon. Nick Gibb MP, former Minister of State for School Standards, which thanked and congratulated Stockport School, for its work in ***"continuing the drive towards high standards of educational achievement!"*** The letter also confirmed that Stockport School's results show that it is now ***"amongst the top state-funded schools in England"***.

As the Headteacher of Stockport School, I am delighted to have received these recent accolades which are a great recognition of the terrific dedication and commitment to learning that our staff and students apply, and the ongoing support and investment that we receive from parents and from our governing body. I believe the school's success has been brought about by our high expectation and our relentless determination to provide quality of opportunity and bring out the best in all people. ***"The culture of Stockport School is that of aspiration and improving the life chances for its students."***

As a school we work hard to achieve positive outcomes and do so by having clear values and by investing in our community. We are also proud to be recognised as an **Investors in People organisation**, with IIP noting that the school is delivering continuous improvement and sustainable success, stating that:



“Across the whole school, from the senior leadership team through the managers to the staff, there was a culture of continuous improvement being driven”.

“It was clear during the assessment that Stockport School has invested considerable time and effort in ensuring a focus on future priorities. People across the organisation were vocal in confirming the school was an excellent place to work. This was further reinforced through the employee survey results”.

“Overall, people described the school as being a great place to work”.

Investors in People

If you are interested in becoming part of our team and helping us to continue our drive for further success, then we would be pleased to hear from you.

Our new **Head of Year will be responsible for leading for their assigned Year group, working within a strong, well-respected, and highly effective school Pastoral Team, providing support, challenge and care.**

Pastoral Care at Stockport School is one of our key strengths and we want to continue to review, refine and invest in our systems and structures so that we can continue to support our students to become successful, strong, confident and articulate young people.

The successful candidate will have strong values and beliefs about the importance of education to a child's success as well as a relentless optimism that barriers to education can be removed with dedication, opportunity, support, and care.

In appointing to this position, we are looking for a well-qualified colleague who:

- Provides effective pastoral care for all students.
- Is aware of the latest developments, legislation and research on pastoral care and can disseminate them as appropriate.
- Ensures all statutory requirements with regard to pastoral support and student reporting are fulfilled.
- Collects, analyses, and utilises data effectively to drive improvement, as required, e.g. attendance, punctuality, behaviour and exclusion data.
- Works with the Senior Leadership Team in developing strategies and policies for the development of the pastoral programme within the school.
- Strongly promotes and reinforces the policies and systems of the school and actively supports the work of the Senior Leadership Team to secure positive relationships with parents and outside agencies.
- Contributes to the overall development of the school; supports the implementation of school policies; supports school events and extra-curricular activities.
- A dynamic, innovative and creative approach with excellent interpersonal skills.
- The ability to inspire, challenge, motivate and empower young people to achieve excellence.
- An absolute commitment to achieving the very highest of standards.

Working at Stockport School is a highly rewarding experience due to our strong team ethos and highly motivated students. Further information about the school can be obtained from our website www.stockportschool.net

The closing date for the receipt of applications is **9.00am on Thursday 26th March 2026**, although the school reserves the right to close the deadline sooner dependent upon applications. Completed application forms should be emailed to Mrs J. Richards, Headteacher's PA at j.richards@stockport.stockport.sch.uk

I look forward to reading your application and wish you every success.

Yours sincerely



Mr I. R. Irwin
Headteacher

