

Our ref: GS/DGI

21 September 2020

Dear Prospective candidate

Post of Principal, Jesmond Park Academy

The Trustees of the Gosforth Group are pleased to invite applications for the post of Principal of Jesmond Park Academy.

The trustees and executive team are committed to our emerging MAT model. We are enthusiastic about the opportunities for collaboration and school improvement through the adoption of a common approach on teaching and learning, curriculum and behaviour. Our common approach must reflect the needs and aspirations of all our children, creating continuity from the moment they first arrive at a Gosforth Group school and providing a coherent pathway of progression within the MAT to future educational opportunities and to employment.

With that being our focus and direction of travel, we want to have a strong senior team in place that is equally committed to this way of working and to ensure that we can deliver quality teaching and learning across the MAT. The appointment of a new Principal with the desire to take this school forward within the structure of the MAT is a significant step forward and an exciting opportunity.

If you would like to visit the school or to have a discussion with me, please contact debbie.gill@ga.newcastle.sch.uk by 12 noon on Thursday 1 October 2020.

If you would like to know more about the MAT structure or our ways of working, please contact Chris Duckett – Executive Director of teaching, learning and communication, to arrange an informal chat. chris.duckett@ga.newcastle.sch.uk.

Please complete the Application Form and Safe Recruitment Form. These should be returned by email to hr@ga.newcastle.sch.uk.

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Additionally we would like you to write a letter highlighting your personal achievements, key strengths and how you will lead Jesmond Park Academy forward, while contributing to and supporting the MAT on its next phase of development. This should be no more than 1500 words in size 12 or 14 font.

Please do not submit a CV.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Snaith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**George Snaith
Chair of Trustees
Gosforth Group**