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## **INTRODUCTION TO THE SCHOOL AND THE POST**

### **THE AREA**

Sutton Coldfield is predominantly a residential area and has its own distinctive identity. It boasts a modern shopping centre, a variety of recreational and cultural facilities and a large and beautiful park. It is also on the edge of both the multicultural city of Birmingham and the rolling countryside of North Warwickshire and South Staffordshire. In short, it is an attractive place in which to work.

### **THE SCHOOL**

Plantsbrook is an 11-19 Comprehensive Academy, situated close to the town centre of Sutton Coldfield, which is about eight miles to the north of Birmingham city centre. There are over 1300 students on roll, including over 250 in the Sixth Form. We are proud to take students of all abilities.

### **OUR VISION AND AIMS**

Our core purpose is learning and teaching, in order to raise the achievement of our students. This is central to everything that we do. At all times we aspire to our motto 'be the best that you can be'. Our vision for the school is highlighted in the prospectus. I write: 'I believe that above all, education must be about opening doors for youngsters and then keeping them open. My vision for Plantsbrook is one in which children develop into rounded young adults with a love of learning and a desire to succeed. I see children who are actively involved in school life, who respect themselves and others and who want to be the best that they can be. I see children prepared for adult life who are able to use the latest technology with confidence and who appreciate the world around them. I see a team of highly professional teachers who are committed to our students and love teaching their subjects. I see parents who are proud of their children's achievements and proud of the school'.

This summarises the approach that we take at Plantsbrook in everything that we do.

## **OUR HISTORY**

In September 2011, we were judged to be an 'outstanding' school by OFSTED. This afforded many opportunities, such as Teaching School status. Whilst our A Level results and our GCSE attainment continued to be high, our Progress 8 figure in 2016 was disappointing. As a result, we had an unscheduled OFSTED inspection in November 2016 which judged our outcomes to 'require improvement' and therefore our quality of teaching and Leadership and Management also to 'require improvement', in a domino effect. Behaviour, personal development and well-being and Sixth Form were judged to be good. We were devastated by the overall judgement, as was our whole school community.

## **WHERE ARE WE NOW?**

I am really pleased to say that our GCSE results in 2018 are very strong again and our Progress 8 score is predicted to be above average. Sixth form results are excellent and should also be above average for progress. This has been a fantastic achievement, on the back of good results also in 2017. This puts us back to where we should be and is testament to the hard work and drive of our staff and students. We have bounced back quickly and believe that there is even better to come. We are confident that OFSTED will shortly recognise this.

As this recent success proves, our management ethos is very much one of teamwork. We believe that people work best in an environment that is secure, caring and friendly, as well as challenging. It is a 'no-blame' culture which encourages creativity, imagination and ambition. We have committed staff with an excellent balance of experience and youth. They work tremendously hard to help both the students and each other. In short, it is a positive place to be.

We have a very supportive parent body who believe that Plantsbrook is delivering a good education to their children, as evidenced by Parent View. We are massively oversubscribed with 1300 applications each year for 240 places. We moved in to our state-of-the-art new building last September and this has given us a fresh boost, in an environment that is truly fit-for-purpose.

## **OUR FUTURE**

This continues to be a challenging time for us, but an exciting one too. We are fully committed to regaining our 'Outstanding' status as soon as possible. Our staff 'buy in' to our drive to improve. Do you share this drive to make Plantsbrook the very best school it can be? Do you want to be part of the team which delivers this and to join us on our journey?

## **APPLICATIONS**

We welcome applications from enthusiastic, committed teachers and support professionals.

If you would like to apply for the post, please:

- Complete the Plantsbrook School application form enclosed.
- Send a letter of application, which should convey an impression of your personality.

**Note:** If you have not heard from the school within 2 weeks of the closing date, please assume that you have been unsuccessful in your application.

May we thank you for your interest.



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