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Headteacher: **Mary O'Keeffe**

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Dear Applicant

Re: Application for the role of Deputy Headteacher

Thank you for your interest in St Ignatius College and the post of Deputy Headteacher. I hope the application pack will encourage you to visit our very special, distinctive community and help you to decide whether this post and our College are right for you at this stage in your career.

Our College has a rich and proud tradition of offering distinctive Jesuit education to boys from Catholic families in North London for nearly 125 years. It is a tradition we are genuinely proud of, but we are also forward thinking and outward looking. It is our ambition that our students develop into men of competence, conscience and committed compassion with the skills, qualifications and confidence to make a positive difference to the world and to live happy, successful lives.

We are on a journey of continuous improvement and our results are testament to our commitment to ensuring the best possible outcomes for our students. Whilst we are proud of our academic standards, we are about much more than academic results. Our aim is for our students to be happy, safe, respected as individuals and to thrive in every way. All who work here are committed to ensuring a climate of high expectations, high quality teaching and excellent pastoral care: we want the best for every child and expect the best of them. We believe that, with the right support, all can achieve regardless of their starting points or background.

The College is an open, welcoming and warm community. Relationships define us. We are reflective, evaluative and work hard to further improve all aspects of school life. We are confident of our future as we work tirelessly to become an outstanding College in all respects, meeting the needs of the twenty-first century yet maintaining our distinctive Jesuit identity. The candidate appointed to this post will have a wonderful opportunity to play a key leadership role in making this vision a reality and to grow in professional confidence and to experience great personal fulfilment.

I recognise that, as a potential candidate for this post, you are at a pivotal point in your career. In our community we pride ourselves on working collaboratively and are committed to developing our staff professionally. The successful candidate will be fully supported in this new stage of his or her career. In Catholic education, we need high quality, committed leaders who are prepared to live their faith through their actions.

The specific responsibilities of the post will be determined by the skills and strengths of the successful candidate and the needs of the school. The Senior Leadership Team is an extremely committed, highly skilled team which leads by example. We are united and supportive of one another in our shared goal of achieving the best possible life chances for our students and supporting our staff to develop and grow.

If you wish to help shape this distinctive community then I encourage you to pursue your application and I very much look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

With every good wish

Yours faithfully

Mary O'Keeffe
Headteacher