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Dear Applicant

**Curriculum Leader: Music: TMPS plus TLR 2b**  
*Permanent with effect from 1 September, 2014*

Thank you for your interest in this exciting opportunity. If you are passionate about teaching music to the highest level and are prepared to work hard to have an impact on the lives of our students, this is the job for you.

Marden High is a specialist status school for media arts, science and maths. The school is ideally situated in an affluent area within a short stroll from the beautiful Tynemouth Long Sands and picturesque Cullercoats Bay.

Marden is well known for its very high academic standards, and strong level of care and support for pupils. Our examination results are well in excess of national standards and our students are typically above average in ability. In 2013, Marden's GCSE results were the best ever achieved by a maintained North Tyneside secondary school. In December 2013, the school was graded by OFSTED as good overall with leadership and management and behaviour and safety judged as outstanding.

The music department is ready for change. Formerly, music was integrated with a faculty of creative arts and operated without its own subject leader. Following restructuring, this is no longer the case and we are now ready to appoint a curriculum leader for music as a stand alone subject. Although GCSE music results have improved over the years, music at Marden has not had the prominence it deserves, especially in its contribution to extra curricular activities. We have many pupils who are talented musicians and some pursue music to a high level outside of school with strong parental support. Therefore, we are looking for a head of music who is an outstanding teacher but who also interprets their role as to provide a diverse and high quality choice of musical opportunities after school. They should also have a strong belief in the importance of playing music to an audience in assemblies and at special events.

If after reading the attached material you would like to apply for the post, please complete the application form and submit it, together with a letter of application, no longer than 2 sides of A4, outlining your suitability for this leadership position and your core beliefs with regard to the impact on students of excellent music teaching.

If you would like an informal chat about this opportunity, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan Morris  
**Headteacher**

***All members of staff at Marden High School are periodically required to undergo rigorous safeguarding checks as part of our commitment to the safety and welfare of our students.***



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