

LETTER OF APPLICATION

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I am extremely proud of the rich and varied experience that I have gained over the last 10 years. I have been lucky to work within a variety of contexts (Scottish, British and International) and presently I am teaching Grade 9 Physical Education and Health. I sought this post because I was looking to broaden my knowledge and understanding of working with students of High School age, and work in Europe again where I am close to my family and friends. I have embraced the challenge of teaching within an international setting and have enjoyed taking on the role of PS-12 Coordinator. This has allowed me to gain a different perspective on learning and teaching, and has had a positive effect on my professional attitude and ability.

I am an outgoing, enthusiastic and creative individual, and have a passion for working within the teaching profession. I am highly motivated to do the best I can in all aspects of my teaching. Through my experiences, I have seen how important it is to work as part of team within whole school activities as well as ensuring I provide the highest quality learning environment and experience for every student I teach. By actively reflecting and evaluating my methodologies, I am able to employ teaching strategies appropriate to the age, ability and attainment level of all pupils.

I have strengths and characteristics which enhance my performance as a teacher. Effective application of my strengths has allowed me to concentrate on using a variety of behavioural management techniques to ensure environments are controlled and safe. I have become increasingly aware that the teachers' position and outlook have a significant effect on behaviour and how the children engage in class activities. I believe learning experiences must be worthwhile and should allow pupils to reflect on their achievement through participation in differentiated learning activities. Ensuring open and effective communication with parents engages them in the educational journey and achieves positive outcomes through successful collaboration.

Involvement within extracurricular activities in my specialist subject has allowed me to give pupils with talent the opportunity to further their abilities. In previous years, I have introduced a "basic moves" programme for Key Stage 1, developing pupils' coordination and motor skills as a foundation for lifelong physical activity. I have had experience managing the swim team within ASH, coaching Volleyball at U12 and U14 levels and support other athletics programs within the school during events and competitions including cross-country, basketball and track and field. I have been fortunate to have experienced a wide variety of sports throughout my life, which has acted as a foundation for the activities I teach. In particular, my two main areas of expertise are swimming and basketball and these have been the most prominent sports during my life, which provide me with the most personal enjoyment.

At this point in my life, I have the motivation, desire and confidence to take on a new challenge. I strongly believe that I possess the personality and character of a great team worker. My personal drive and dedication to my profession afford me the motivation for and provide an enthusiastic approach to all the activities I undertake. I hold the belief that all students should be encouraged to participate in PE and sport and that my key role is to facilitate learning and allow pupils to achieve their full potential within this subject, which they will carry forward throughout their lives.