

TeachVac Newsletter

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Our Monthly Newsletter for Teachers

Welcome To The New TeachVac Newsletter

Welcome to another year and the start of the recruitment round for September 2018. Once again, we expect plenty of vacancies this year for all types of teacher unless budget cuts affect the number of staff schools can afford to employ. With secondary school roles once again on the increase, and fewer trainees than last year, this will be a year where many teachers will find schools looking for teachers. If you fancy working overseas, then visit our international school vacancy site at www.teachvacglobal.com

The rest of this newsletter is taken up with the final part of our series about applying for a teaching post. Parts 1 & 2 appeared in the November and December 2017 newsletters.

Be positive

Demonstrate an enthusiasm for your subject, skill or other aspect of the job. Nobody expects a trainee applying for their first teaching post to be an expert in anything let alone everything, but highlight possible positive contributions both to your subject and the wider life of the school. Add other information about how you might make a contribution to the wider life of the school outside of your subject area, and mention any other skills that you might have that didn't appear elsewhere on the application form. Existing teachers need to be positive as well and never ever say you are trying to leave your current post for negative reasons.

Can I use sub-headings in any text?

If it helps the reader, then why not? Long unbroken chunks of text aren't easy to read, so anything that helps the reader engage with the words is a bonus, especially if the headings relate to key points in the job description.

Should I include links to videos, web sites or other pages I have created?

If they would genuinely help those reviewing your application to understand you, I don't see the harm, but don't expect schools to necessarily click on them. Some will see them as too gimmicky; others will not want to spend the time and yet others will feel you must be able to express yourself just on paper.

And finally,

Avoid:

- Fancy fonts
- Point sizes smaller than 10/11 or greater than 12 depending on the type style
- Saying too much
- two pages is normally the maximum and one is often enough for a first job.

Remember, the purpose of an application is to sell your abilities sufficiently to be called for interview.

And remember,

It goes without saying that every application is normally the first time a school will hear from you, unless you are applying internally for a vacancy. Treat each application as important and check rigorously for spelling and punctuation using an English (not American) spelling checker. Even if you think you have not made any mistakes, it is always better for someone else to proof read what you have written. The mind can assume something is correct, even when there is a glaring mistake on the page.

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Other Services

Do remember to ask your school whether they use TeachVac to save them money on recruitment. TeachVac is free to schools and applicants alike.

There is a free jobs portal available to schools - details can be found on the front page of [TeachVac](#).

[TeachSted](#) is available to support schools undergoing an Ofsted inspection.

Our new service, [TeachVac Global](#), is a vacancy matching service for international schools and teachers. It brings together schools looking for teachers and teachers looking for teaching posts, at any level, within international schools.

The Job Alert Service – How It Works

Visit www.teachvac.co.uk and register today, it's free.

TeachVac is open to all teachers looking for primary & secondary posts at any level including leadership.

You select a subject and a location. The service looks at school vacancies within your specified area and identifies any jobs that match. The system then sends you an email alert about the job so that you can decide whether to apply. After this it is between you and the school, TeachVac does not get involved. As we use advanced technology to drive TeachVac, jobs often appear with us before they appear elsewhere. In such cases, you may be one of the first to see these vacancies.

Schools are told how many trainees there are in the subject, and how many vacancies have been set against this pool so that they know how challenging recruitment may be in each subject.

To contact us with ideas for future newsletters and any stories about job hunting email newsletter@oxteachserv.com

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You can chat with other trainee teachers and share experiences as well as question members of our team. We look forward to meeting you online!

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