

Re: Letter of recommendation for Ms Sumari Gildenhuyts

November 11, 2017

Dear members of the selection committee

It is a great pleasure that I recommend Ms Sumari Gildenhuyts for the position as a Visual Arts teacher at your school. Ms Sumari has been a positive and productive member of our school team at HWA. Ms Sumari is a team player and embodies the spirit of inquiry, collaboration and support. She demonstrates a current and appropriate knowledge of the IB curriculum, especially in the Primary Grades.

She differentiates her instruction to accommodate a surprisingly wide range of academic abilities especially for the students who have limited English skills. Her reassurance to all of her students proves a powerful motivator and all of her students wish to please her. Ms Sumari manages classroom behaviour to effect, and the students stay on task and are blossoming as young artists under her professional guidance. She is always fair and consistent in her approach to encouraging her students to work to their highest potential.

Sumari has contributed to our school in ways beyond instruction. She has exhibited her student's artwork in several whole school art exhibitions and managed to enhance the school with the extraordinary art the students have created under her mentoring and guidance. Her efforts are appreciated by her students, the staff and the whole parental community. Sumari gives one hundred percent to all of the school consistently without a doubt.

Sumari has decided for personal reasons to move onto another school at this time, and HWA will be losing a confident and enthusiastic educator. With her high quality of instructional skills and experience in the area of Visual Arts, she will be an asset to any school which she chooses to be part of their team. Please feel free to contact me if your committee would require more information with regards to Sumari's candidacy for a teaching position at your school.

Sincerely

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