



Shanghai Community International School

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To Whom It May Concern

It is a pleasure for me to write this letter of recommendation for **Mr. Joel Sutton** whom I have come to know over the past three years in my position of Head of School at SCIS-HQ. Mr. Sutton is a highly qualified, experienced, tactful, and knowledgeable practitioner of multiple pedagogic disciplines. Joel has proven to be a successful teacher of both middle school and high school in Multimedia Studies, Graphic Design, Desktop Publishing, as well as being the lead teacher of Percussion in our Music Department. I am sure you shall find the detail of his range and expertise detailed in his Curriculum Vitae, exceptional. His extra-curricular activities and formal school publications are exemplary.

Joel is extremely eloquent in his written and spoken communications, has a wonderful non-threatening style, is always open to suggestions, and is superb in identifying and articulating issues he discovers within his students, and /or discussions with their parents. He is pragmatic, patient, and well respected by his students. Mr. Sutton's teaching always includes the use of technology and he keeps up-to-date with the latest trends in teaching methodology using 1:1 laptops, and especially those developments which are pedagogically focused towards proven successful student outcomes. His demeanor is one very suited towards assisting novice teachers, and shows a wonderful empathy towards students requiring more attention than others, in acquiring greater confidence with the subject material.

I have found Joel to be honest, with a deep sense of institutional loyalty, pro-active in wanting to better students' skills and knowledge; and he sets himself high professional and personal standards to achieve this. He is able to communicate on a very broad range of topics, outside his specialties, is sophisticated, adaptable and refined in his mannerisms and social etiquette.

Please do feel free to contact me directly, should you require further information or insight, regarding Mr. Sutton. I shall be only too happy to oblige.

Sincerely,

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