

To whom it may concern:


I am writing with pleasure today to share with you my thoughts on Aaron Foster, whom I have had the pleasure of working with over the past three years during our time at Ivy Collegiate Academy; during this time, he has served as a Middle School Biology teacher and senior Oceanography teacher, as well as teaching other classes in the science field. He has also worked tirelessly as ICA's sole triathlon coach, working five days a week all year after school to prepare his students to meet their personal goals. During his time at this school, Mr. Foster has proven to be a real asset to the school community.

In his time at ICA, Mr. Foster has shown himself to be a passionate teacher, one willing to put forward much effort and time to ensure the students are learning. He works to share his passion for biology, particularly marine life and the environment, with his students. He has created authentic student-centered classes, where students teach each other the material they have learned by designing units, complete with discussion questions, lectures, Powerpoint/Prezi presentations, study guides, and even tests for other students. He has also proven himself creative in designing his own assessments, creating student projects that encourage critical thinking. He embraces technology in the classroom, uses the smart board with ease as designed, uses music in the classroom to help students remember tricky concepts, and uses QR codes in ways to generate interest in material from the students.

Additionally, I cannot speak enough about the investment that Mr. Foster has put into the students in his Triathlon club. He actively works to recruit students of all fitness and ability levels, and everyday trains, monitors, and follows up with each member of the team to ensure they are improving themselves. Many train for, and compete in, duathlons and triathlons around Taiwan, and set as goals particular times. For other students, though, they simply want to get in shape for a varsity sport or just lose weight or gain muscle or any other set of personal goals. Mr. Foster's willingness to create individual workouts and goals for each student, and his desire to follow up, is noticed by the students. This is why, in each of his years at ICA, his triathlon team has continued to expand in number.

Overall, any school should consider themselves lucky to have Mr. Foster. His work ethic is solid, he builds rapport with his students, and he creates meaningful learning opportunities.

Sincerely,



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