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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the post of Teacher of Science at Sedgefield Community College. Housed in a recently opened, well equipped building, Sedgefield has established a reputation as one of the North East's consistently highest achieving 11-16 schools. During its most recent OFSTED inspection the school was considered to be a 'good' school overall, and one where inspectors described classrooms as 'harmonious places to learn'. However, we are a school that has made significant improvements since that inspection, and believes it will soon be recognised as outstanding in all respects. We are currently looking to recruit two high calibre Science professionals who have the potential to help us meet our goals. Whilst a teaching strength in either Chemistry or Physics is desirable it is however not essential.

Whilst the college is situated within the picturesque market town of Sedgefield within a rural area of County Durham, its student intake is quite comprehensive in nature with students attending the college from a range of communities within a variety of socio economic settings. However, students enter Year Seven with levels of attainment, SEND and entitlement to free school meals broadly in line with national average.

Once a relatively weak area of the school, our Science faculty has, in recent years, been transformed into one which is now dynamic, forward thinking and highly successful. Our current Science team are highly supportive of one another and share a common vision of vibrant and exciting Science teaching. In recent years this team have entirely reshaped the delivery of Science at Sedgefield. As a result staff now enjoy teaching in a faculty where student engagement is outstanding and student performance at KS4 is amongst the best in the county, with students achieving consistently outstanding examination performance.

As a school we have proven over recent years that we have the experience, expertise and supportive structures needed to ensure that newly appointed teachers, and particularly those who may have recently qualified, can rapidly develop into outstanding professionals. In addition, we are confident that the successful applicant will agree with our our assertion that Sedgefield is a happy and welcoming place in which to teach and progress. If you feel that Sedgefield sounds right for you, and you have the personal and professional characteristics required to ensure that students achieve highly, coupled with the ability to inspire students to engage in the subject, then we would like to hear from you.

Applicants should complete an application form and indicate through a letter (no more than two sides of A4) addressing the person specification and the accompanying notes.

Application materials can be downloaded from the vacancies section of the school website [www.sedgefieldcommunitycollege.co.uk](http://www.sedgefieldcommunitycollege.co.uk) Completed applications are to be returned to [personnel@sedgefield.cc](mailto:personnel@sedgefield.cc)

**The closing date for applications is:  
Interviews to be held on:**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (12 noon)  
Week commencing 5th December 2016**

The Headteacher, Dave Davies, welcomes informal discussion; please telephone should you wish to talk to him on 01740 625300.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Davies', followed by a small dot.

Mr D. Davies  
Headteacher