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## **Teacher of Science (MPS/UPS)**

Thank you for your interest in the vacant Teacher of Science post at Sedgefield Community College.

Housed in a modern well equipped building, Sedgefield continues to be both the highest attaining school in County Durham, and consistently amongst the highest performing of all North East secondary schools. An OFSTED inspection in March this year resulted in the school being judged as 'outstanding' overall and one where inspectors described student attitudes to learning as impeccable. However, we are a school that believes we can improve further and as a result we are currently looking to recruit a high calibre Science based professional who has the ability/potential to join our talented staff team as we move into the next phase of the school's development.

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 above national average, and with numbers of students who have SEND, and those qualifying for free school meals on par with national averages.

Due to the efforts of an excellent team, our dynamic Science faculty enjoys a high profile within the school. It is both innovative and dynamic whilst also extremely high performing. 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 very 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 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 <a href="https://www.sedgefieldcommunitycollege.co.uk">www.sedgefieldcommunitycollege.co.uk</a> Completed applications are to be returned to personnel@sedgefield.cc

## The closing date for applications is: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (12 noon) Interviews to be held on: To be confirmed

The Headteacher, Dave Davies, welcomes informal discussion; please telephone should you wish to talk to him on 01740 617777.

Yours Sincerely

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