



Sir Harry Smith

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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January 2018

Dear Applicant

Thank you for requesting details of the post for Teacher of Psychology and Sociology at Sir Harry Smith Community College. I hope that you will take the time to read the details of the post and the information about the College.

Sir Harry Smith Community College is a successful 11-18 comprehensive, based in the market town of Whittlesey. It has a rising roll of over 1,000 students with many year groups oversubscribed. In November 2014, Ofsted graded the school as a *“good school where students are proud of their school and behave with respect and consideration towards each other”*.

We pride ourselves on our sense of community and Ofsted recognised that the relationships between staff and students were positive. The behaviour of our students was also judged to be *“good, with students enjoying their lessons, being interested in their learning and also challenged by their teachers”*. The report recognises the good progress that our students make, especially in English and Mathematics.

At GCSE, Sociology is a popular subject and in the summer of 2017 students achieved over 80% A*-C with the department in the top 10% of the country for student progress for Sociology. Results at A Level were strong in both Sociology and Psychology with 80% achieving grades A*-C in Psychology and 86% achieving A*-B in Sociology (over 50% A*-A).

The Social Science Department is a dedicated, supportive and friendly team. Our goal is not only to see every student achieve their best, but also thoroughly enjoy their learning. We are looking for an enthusiastic practitioner of Psychology and Sociology, with the ability to teach both subjects at GCSE and A Level, who shares our ideals. We welcome applications from both experienced practitioners and NQTs who strive to always deliver high quality, enjoyable lessons. The ability to teach Religious Education at Key Stage 3 would also be advantageous.

As with all educational establishments, Sir Harry Smith Community College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we are required to send all prospective applicants a copy of our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, which is therefore included. In addition, all employees are required to undertake an enhanced criminal record check, via the Disclosure and Barring Service. A copy of the College Equal Opportunities Policy is also enclosed.

Please note that the College operates a no-smoking policy.

If, after reading the details, you feel that we are the right establishment for you, I look forward to receiving your application and, if invited, meeting you at interview. Please do not send a CV. In your letter of application, please explain what experiences you have had that will prepare you for this role. Please note that all applicants are required to provide the names and contact details of two referees, one of whom should be the current or most recent employer. These referees will be contacted prior to interviews taking place.

If you would like an information pack, please telephone Angela Shaw on 01733 703991 extension 203 or email angela.shaw@sirharrysmith.cambs.sch.uk Alternatively, to download an information pack, please visit our website www.sirharrysmith.cambs.sch.uk For more information or an informal discussion about the role, please contact James Wilson (Head of Social Sciences) on james.wilson@sirharrysmith.cambs.sch.uk

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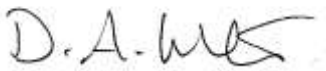
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Applications close noon, Monday 29th January 2018. (We reserve the right to bring forward the closing date if we consider that we have received an appropriate number of suitable candidates for the post). Please send completed applications to the College for the attention of the Principal, or email to Angela Shaw.

Applicants are thanked for their interest in Sir Harry Smith Community College. Please note that only candidates shortlisted for interview will be contacted.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D.A. White'.

Dawn White
Principal