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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in working at the Wey Valley Academy. I hope that after reading the information here, you'll want to come and work for us. We are a collaborative Academy, benefitting from being able to work with colleagues across Dorset and as our name suggests, we are located in a stunningly beautiful part of the country, near to the Jurassic Coast a World Heritage site, and venue for the 2012 Olympic Sailing events. The Jurassic coast is full of world famous landmarks such as Lulworth Cove, Chesil Beach and Durdle Door. The town is within easy reach of larger conurbations such as Bournemouth to the east and Exeter to the west.

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The Lead Practitioner Maths is a permanent position, that we have identified as vital for the school's development. You will have a chance to help us develop something incredibly special in the department and beyond. We are focussing on developing teaching and learning across the school and will have appointed four Lead practitioners two in science and one in English and Maths ready for September 2021.

Wey Valley Academy is a large 11 – 16 academy that will be oversubscribed from September 2021. We have an extensive site with excellent facilities. We aim to provide a curriculum that is broad, balanced, exciting and caters for the individual needs of our students.

Wey Valley became part of the Ambitions Academies Trust in June 2019. The Trust specialises in taking on schools that have not performed well in the past and turning them around through a supportive developmental process, with the key elements being the recruitment and retention of high calibre members of staff, developing exciting and relevant curricular provision and developing strong community links.

I started as Principal in April 2020 in the midst of a global pandemic and recruited a new and experienced senior leadership team who joined me in September 2020. Since then we have been working hard to transform the education provision for the students and the training and support offered to the staff.

Our aim is to provide an outstanding quality of education provision for our community. We are committed to providing stimulating, challenging, and engaging learning experiences for our students and have invested heavily in professional development. As part of that investment we have already recruited three Lead Practitioners to work within the core subjects to support the Curriculum Area Leaders with the development of pedagogy. This position will complete the team of four.

We are passionate about developing students as lifelong learners and providing them with a broad range of skills and experiences. We value examinations, and academic excellence is a key focus, however, we also pride ourselves on our extensive enrichment curriculum that offers a wide range of activities including many sports clubs and teams, Dance, Drama and Music events, and an extensive range of outdoor education including, the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, water sports, ski trips, expeditions and much more.

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This is a great opportunity to join a school at the start of a transformational journey and would suit someone with long term aspirations for Senior Leadership. We have plenty to offer the right candidate, such as a committed staff team who are passionate about Teaching and Learning. There is a robust programme of Professional Learning in place and opportunities available to help shape the future of this across the Trust's five secondary schools.

You will already be a very effective teacher excited at the prospect of reflecting and shaping our pedagogy. As a Lead Practitioner, you must absolutely believe that every pupil is entitled to a first-class education, no matter their background or ability.

You will be expected to be an accomplished classroom practitioner with a good understanding of what it takes to develop successful classroom practice. We will expect you to work hard but you will be fully supported by the Academy's leadership team and the Trust. You must be ambitious for our children and have a desire to make our vocational curriculum offer and the results it achieves truly outstanding.

If you wish to know anymore about us or to arrange a Covid secure visit please email me, russellr@weyvalley-academy.co.uk or call on 01305 81700

I look forward to receiving your application.

Principal

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Russell".

Rob Russell
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