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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.

<http://weyvalley-academy.co.uk/school-information/about-us-2/>

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.

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.

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.

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 817000.

I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Russell".

Rob Russell, Principal

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