



# BILBOROUGH

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Appointment of Cook  
Part-time, 30 hours p/week, 0.701fte  
Permanent, Term-Time Only

# Introduction from David Shaw

## College Principal



I'm delighted that you've expressed an interest in the position of Cook at Bilborough College. This post provides an excellent opportunity for an outstanding individual to join a successful sixth form college at an exciting stage in its development.

You will be joining a flourishing institution with strong student outcomes, fantastic enrichment and development opportunities, and an innovative and creative teaching and learning culture. As a result of its excellent reputation, student numbers have grown by over 300 in the last 3 years and the college is expecting to be at a maximum of 2200 students from September 2025.

We are extremely proud that following our latest Ofsted inspection in November 2023, Ofsted rated the College 'Outstanding' for 'Student behaviour and attitudes' and as 'Good' for 'Overall effectiveness.' The college was praised for fostering, "a nurturing and aspirational culture in which students, from many different backgrounds, flourish together" and benefit from "a vibrant, purposeful environment and the diverse and positive culture".

We attribute our success to our talented staff team who are committed to providing the very best learning opportunities and support for the young people we serve.

In November 2019, Bilborough College converted to Academy status and joined the Better Futures Multi Academy Trust, a new Multi-Academy Trust, designed with sixth form colleges in mind and sponsored by Coventry University. This was a natural step in our collaboration with a leading university and other Sixth Form Colleges and provides a unique experience for our students.

Membership of the Trust provides innovative opportunities for our students that raise aspirations, accelerate progression and ensure even better-quality provision for all students through sharing expertise with our partner colleges. New and high-quality staff development opportunities across the Trust help us to continue to retain talent and to attract the best staff.

Bilborough remains a sixth form college in name, ethos and educational character and, as a result, retains its unique and highly regarded position and reputation in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

We are seeking a reliable and enthusiastic Cook to join our catering team at Bilborough College. You will help ensure the smooth running of food service operations, support kitchen staff, and maintain high standards of hygiene and customer service. This role is crucial in delivering a positive dining experience for students, staff, and visitors.

### What you'll be doing:

- Supervising the daily catering service, including breakfast, lunch, and snacks.
- Supporting and guiding the catering team to deliver a smooth, high-standard service.
- Preparing, cooking, and serving fresh meals with creativity and variety.
- Ensuring compliance with food hygiene, allergen legislation, and health & safety standards.
- Assisting with menu planning, stock control, ordering, and budget management.
- Promoting a positive, welcoming dining experience for students and staff.

### What we're looking for:

#### Essential:

- NVQ Level 2/3 in Catering (or equivalent).
- Knowledge of food hygiene, allergens, and health & safety.
- Experience in a customer-focused catering environment.
- Strong organisational, communication, and teamwork skills.
- A flexible, friendly, and proactive approach.
- Commitment to safeguarding and supporting young people.

#### Desirable:

- Supervisory catering experience and experience in an educational or large-scale catering environment.

Further details about the college and how to apply are included in this pack. Should you decide to do so, we look forward to receiving your completed application by **9am on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025**. If you would like to speak to us about the role and/or process please contact the HR department on 0115 851 5861 or by email at [hannah.reeves@bilborough.ac.uk](mailto:hannah.reeves@bilborough.ac.uk).



# Bilborough College Overview

Bilborough Sixth Form College came into being in 1975 when it converted from Bilborough Grammar School and the college continues to operate from the same location catering solely for students aged 16-19. The college attracts students from the city of Nottingham and large areas of surrounding Nottinghamshire and south-east Derbyshire as well as the city of Derby.

Having moved into its current, purpose-built campus in 2005 all members of the college community benefit from a bright, modern and well-equipped, purpose-built college campus, located close to junction 26 of the M1 Between Nottingham and Derby.

Bilborough College was recently successful in its bid to the government's Post-16 capacity fund for a new £3.2 million extension to the current site to provide additional teaching and learning space for students to meet the demand for places at the College. The new college extension opened to students in September 2023 and is home to our Maths, Physics, Electronics and Esports teams. It comprises 3 modern science labs, an E-Sports lab, a variety of general teaching classrooms and additional study IT study space.

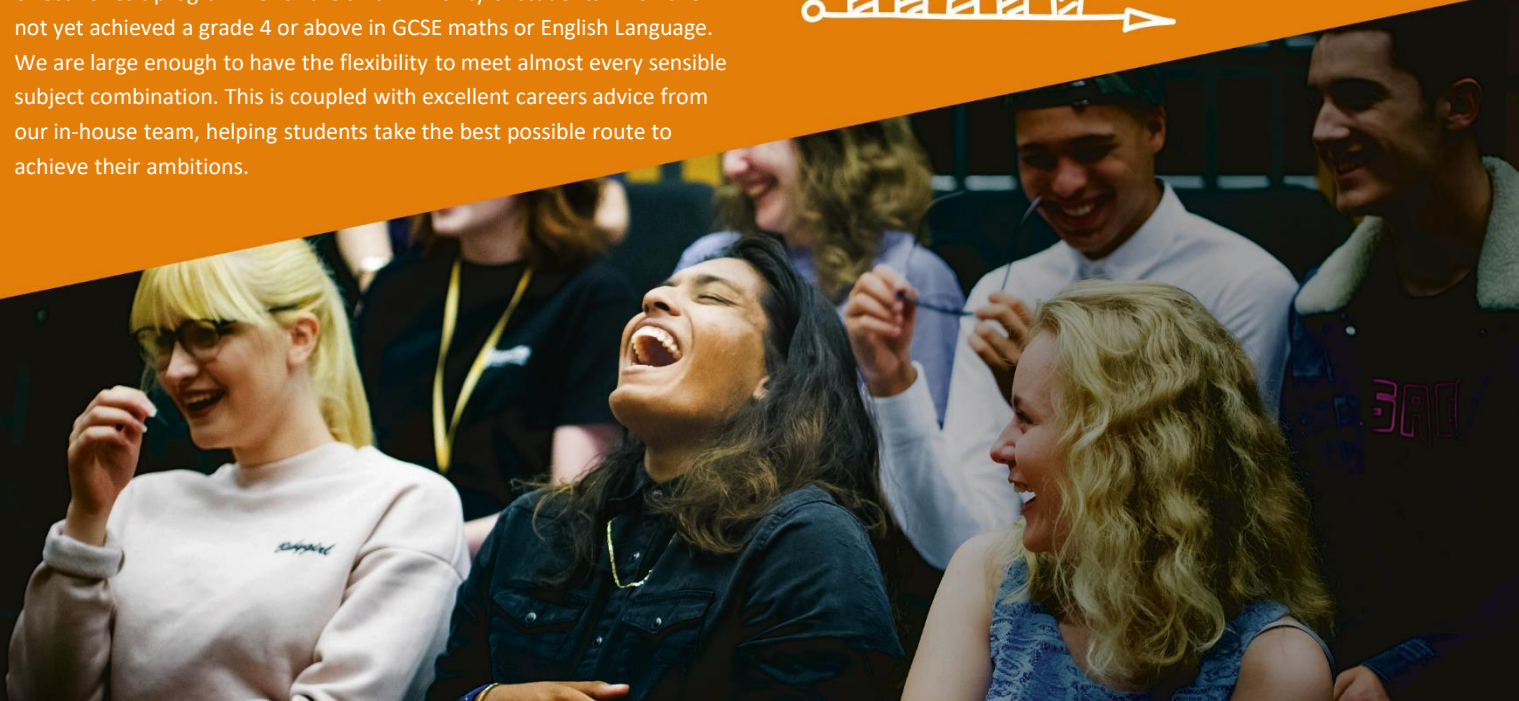
In addition to well-equipped, modern classrooms and science and technology labs, students benefit from fine art and photography studios, a theatre, a dance studio and rehearsal space. There are multiple study spaces including a central library plus distributed break out areas, a student support hub, refectory, cafe and shop as well as a sports centre, gym, playing field and 5-a-side courts.

The college is over-subscribed and has been effective in increasing student numbers, with a steady growth in students over the past few years. We currently have almost 2200 funded students enrolled on 16-18 Study Programmes involving A Levels or BTECs or a combination of the two.

The College has a minimum entry requirement of 5 GCSE passes at Grade 4 and above, usually including maths and English. Beyond that subject entry requirements are set out to ensure that students enrol for courses on which they have the best chance of success. We also provide a very effective resit programme for the small minority of students who have not yet achieved a grade 4 or above in GCSE maths or English Language. We are large enough to have the flexibility to meet almost every sensible subject combination. This is coupled with excellent careers advice from our in-house team, helping students take the best possible route to achieve their ambitions.

*“Diversity in not just people, but in the range of experiences to become involved in, makes Bilborough quite extraordinary”*

**Meegan (Year 12)**



# Bilborough College Ethos

We are proud that in January 2024, Ofsted recognised the College was OUTSTANDING for behaviours and attitudes of students and as 'Good' for Overall Effectiveness.

The inspectors recognised that the college is passionate about our vision for students to "be who you are, become who you want to be" and that students benefit from the "the strong culture of mutual respect and tolerance" and "feel safe in the calm and welcoming environment."

Students at Bilborough College are "enthusiastic and curious, with exceptional attitudes to learning" and inspectors noted that students describing themselves as "extremely proud to be Bilborough students". Teachers have high expectations of their students, and they treat students as adults, expecting them to be self-motivated and autonomous in their learning.

We attribute our success to our committed and talented staff team. At Bilborough, expert teachers, specialist 'Skills and Progression' teachers and support staff work together to provide a purposeful learning environment where students can be themselves, are treated as responsible individuals and given the support and challenge they need. We provide a relevant, broad and rich curriculum so that our students can reach their full academic and wider potential while developing the independence, resilience and awareness necessary for success as responsible global citizens.

*"Where else would you go for great A-levels other than Bilborough College!"*

**Poppy (Year 12)**

We are proud to be part of a college where everyone can succeed, where students with special educational needs and/or disabilities are very well supported. We are also a highly diverse college, taking students from over 80 feeder schools and a wide range of backgrounds and cultures. We are committed to including and celebrating this diversity in our curriculum and wider activities and we are proud to be part of the Leaders Unlocked programme to ensure students are at the heart of our decisions.

Each student is assigned a Skills and Progression teacher to provide them with pastoral support and review their academic progress. Students also receive support from the College's Learning Support Team, Student Counsellors, Student Welfare Officer and Student Wellbeing Coaches.

At Bilborough, personal growth and skills development are highly valued alongside academic achievement. The Ofsted team were very impressed with our "rich and varied programme of extra-curricular activities" and our "extensive range of progression and work-related activities" which build skills including "problem-solving, resilience and digital literacy" and we are already taking further steps to strengthen guidance for those who aspire to employment at the end of their studies. This all encourages us to continue our mission 'to develop confident, curious, happy students, ready to change the world for the better'."

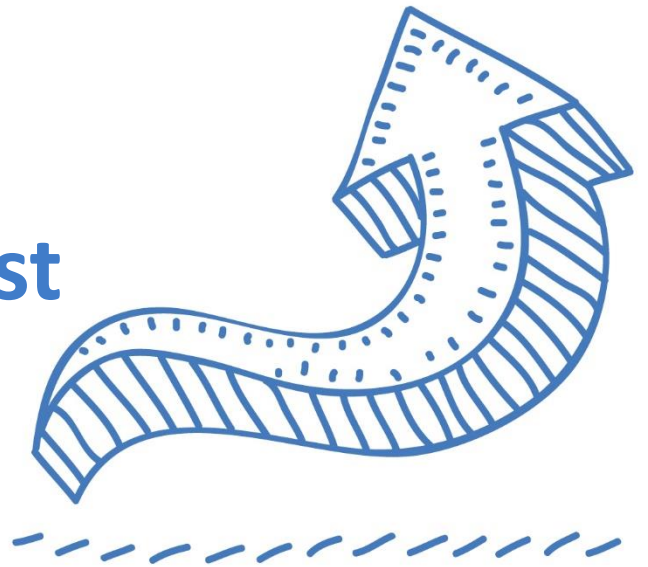
We are especially proud of our high-quality offer for enrichment and extended studies known as 'Bilborough Xtra' which Ofsted noted offers "useful additional learning opportunities that help students to become well-rounded individuals."

Around 70% of our students go on to higher education and the remainder into higher level apprenticeships with high status regional or national employers, employment or further training. UCAS data indicates that a high proportion of our applicants to higher education are successful in gaining places overall at university.

In addition, the most recent HESA reports show that a higher-than-average proportion of our alumni, who progress to higher education, leave university with first or upper second-class degrees (4% above the state sector average for schools and colleges). This is a particularly strong characteristic for those of the college's students who live in areas with low participation rates.



# Better Futures Multi Academy Trust



## Our Mission (Why do we exist?)

To develop confident, curious, happy students, ready to change the world

## Our Vision (Where are we heading?)

To become a national hub for excellence in 16-19 education

## Our Values (What is important to us?)

### Ambitious:

We are committed to creating exceptional learning experiences for our students, staff and communities. We seek creative solutions to our challenges and are always striving to connect new ideas with concrete realities.

### Curious:

We have a love of learning and a strong desire to know more. We constantly ask questions of ourselves and others, embrace new approaches and aren't afraid to make mistakes.

### Involved:

We are inclusive, open and are all actively engaged to make a difference to the communities we serve. We value and celebrate our communities' diversity of thought, expertise, experience and background.

### Supportive:

We support each other's work and we support each other as individuals, both professionally and personally. We help each other to make decisions that improve our work and benefit our students, staff and community.

### Genuine:

We always tell the truth, own up when we've made mistakes and deal with the consequences of our actions. Our actions reflect the things we say and the values we believe in.

### Optimistic:

We view everything with a positive eye and an open mind. We strive to foster an environment of optimism, even in the toughest of situations.

As a staff team we are inclusive, open and actively engaged in our work. We encourage staff to be their whole selves at work in a positive and reflective culture where staff and students are willing to take risks and learn from their mistakes in order to keep improving.

We provide our staff with extensive CPD opportunities as a College and on a cross-MAT basis to encourage them to be the best they can be and support their wellbeing.

*“Bilborough college has allowed me to aspire and achieve goals I thought were never achievable. It truly is the best college ever!!”*

**Abdus (Year 12)**

# Better Futures

## Multi Academy Trust

### What do we believe?

1. Education should be focused on developing people with a love of learning and an insatiable curiosity
2. We focus on taking students on that journey from being school children to being young adults ready to change the world for the better.
3. We are relentlessly optimistic about the capacity of our staff to lead students on that journey.
4. Whether 16 or 60, we believe that all people can still grow and develop.
5. People can only really thrive when they bring their whole selves to work/college.
6. We thrive when we feel trusted and have enough autonomy over our work to be able to focus on getting better at it.
7. Mistakes and failures can be some of our most useful learning opportunities and should be celebrated as such.
8. A focus on the wellbeing and happiness of our students and staff are not optional extras.

### Our strategic commitments...

Our strategic commitments bring together our mission, vision and values. They help us measure our progress toward achieving our vision as set out in our strategic aims and objectives and encourage the application of our values.

These strategic commitments are:

(Student Development) To increase the leadership and influence of our students, ensuring they thrive, have fun, & are ready to change the world for the better

(Staff Development) Our people are at the heart of everything we do, we all focus on personal ongoing development and seek to thrive in all we do

(Resources & Services) Continue to secure financial strength so we can facilitate the ongoing development of our students & staff in a well-resourced & serviced environment

*“Here, my future is already taking shape”*

**Daniel (Year 12)**



# BF MAT Attributes

At Bilborough College, we are committed to excellent academic achievement alongside outstanding personal growth. We have therefore developed a set of attributes which run through everything we do and which apply to everyone in the building, both students and staff. We actively work to develop these skills in everyone as a key part of achieving our mission and vision.

**REMAIN  
POSITIVE** 

**GET THINGS  
DONE** 

**COMMUNICATE  
EFFECTIVELY** 

**ACT WITH  
INTEGRITY** 

**THINK  
CREATIVELY** 

**ADAPT MY  
APPROACH** 



# Governance & Leadership

The college's Local Governing Body has 17 governors with a wide range of relevant professional skills and backgrounds represented. This includes two student governors, two staff governors and two parent governors. The Local Governing Body provide excellent support and challenge to the College's Senior Leadership Team.

Along with the Principal, the Senior Leadership comprises:

- Deputy Principal
- 3 x Assistant Principals
- 2 x Directors (HR + Planning & Operations)
- Administrative Officer for SLT/ Clerk to LGB.

College has a wider Curriculum Management Team comprising 8 Heads of Faculty, a Learning Support Manager, Head of Safeguarding and Head of Bilborough Xtra. The team meets regularly with SLT members and acts as a vital forum for refining strategies and policies and as an engine for implementing improvement across the college. Course Leaders for each subject provide operational support and guidance to teaching staff teams. Each member of staff also has access to a dedicated coach to help with their own development.

The college strong financial health and is committed to continued investment in students, staff and facilities. All members of the senior leadership team contribute to the process of financial planning and budgeting. Management accounts are produced each month and scrutinised by SLT and governors.

*“I love the relaxed nature yet hard work ethic the students and teachers have, which creates a brilliant atmosphere to socialise and learn in”*

**Matthew (Year 12)**

# Why work with us:

Teaching in a sixth form college offers many of the benefits of both the secondary school sector and the Further Education (FE) sector. Bilborough College is an exciting, inclusive, dynamic and hugely rewarding place to work. Here are just some of the reasons why:

## Post – 16

It is a particular privilege to focus specifically on the higher order skills and knowledge that make up A Levels and Level 3 Applied Generals. Debate, discussion and exploration of the specification and beyond are what makes teaching post-16 so rewarding.

## Behaviour and conduct

In our January 2024 OFSTED report it was noted that, the College is ambitious for all students to fulfil their potential.” “Students behave accordingly, demonstrating a very professional and mature manner. Students are enthusiastic and curious, with exceptional attitudes to their learning.” As a post-16 provider, we put a strong emphasis on developing our students into young adults and onto the next stage of their chosen career path. We encourage them to not just study, but to contribute to College life and offer a wide range of enrichment activities, work experience and College trips. We provide a very positive environment and encourage equality and diversity. We promote high levels of respect and tolerance within in the College and deal with very rare instances of misbehaviour easily and rapidly

## Our Students

Year on year, the vast majority of our students who apply to university are successful. Many of our students will be the first in their family to do so. Working with these young people means you have the opportunity to make a real and significant impact on their lives. You will be in a position to make a dynamic difference to their futures and that's what being a teacher is all about; making a difference to young lives.

## Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs)

We believe newly qualified teachers should receive extra support in their first year of teaching and beyond. Whether you trained in Secondary Education or Further Education, we will help you to become a qualified teacher and guide you through your first year of teaching and help you achieve Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) or Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status. All NQTs will have a reduction in timetable and will have opportunities to participate in regular professional development activities.

## Staff Wellbeing

We place considerable emphasis on ensuring the wellbeing of our staff. As well as a team of supportive managers who work with staff to identify and implement strategies to support staff and reduce workload, the College also has a staff-led wellbeing group who devise and implement a range of activities to support wellbeing and social interactions including staff quizzes and occasional free pilates for staff at lunchtimes. Staff also have access to 'wellbeing supervision sessions' as well as free counselling sessions with a qualified counsellor if required. We have a fully equipped gym onsite and staff can take advantage of a discounted membership.

## Terms & Conditions of Employment

The terms and conditions for staff are based in national terms and conditions for staff working in sixth form colleges ('the Lilac Book') and agreed by the Sixth Form Colleges Association (SFCA). This includes working time and salary scales.

Salary - The salary will be on the pay structure of the SFCA Support Staff pay scale

Working Time - Full time Support Staff work 37 hours per week; 8.30am-4.30pm daily with a 4.00pm finish on a Friday. Support staff are entitled to 22 days of holiday in the first 5 years of service. This then increases to 25 days and 28 days after 10 years continuous service. In addition to the above, staff receive paid leave for statutory bank holidays and College closure days (currently there are 8 bank holidays and 5 College closure days)

Pension - The successful candidate will be eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme and you will automatically become a member unless you opt not to join.



# Job details

Post:	Cook
Grade:	Point 6 on the SFCA Support Staff Scale
Location:	Bilborough College, Nottingham
Responsible to:	Chef Manager

## Overall/key purpose

To oversee the day-to-day running of the College catering service, ensuring the delivery of high-quality, safe, and nutritious food and beverages to students, staff, and visitors. Under the supervision of the Chef Manager, the Cook will work with a team of catering assistants to maintain excellent hygiene standards. The postholder will support the Catering Manager in delivering an efficient and customer-focused service.

## Main Duties and Responsibilities

Supervise the daily catering service to ensure smooth and efficient operations.

Preparation, cooking and serving of meals – Breakfast and Lunch, snacks, cakes - in accordance with specified menus.

Assisting in supervising, monitoring and supporting others within the kitchen team.

Assist with menu planning and demonstrate creativity

Maintain compliance with food safety legislation, health and safety regulations, and Trust policies.

Oversee cleaning schedules and kitchen hygiene practices.

Ensure correct storage, stock rotation, preparation, and service of food in line with statutory requirements.

To understand responsibilities in relation to fire procedures, Health and Safety, COSHH & Food Hygiene Regulations. (Training provided)

Monitor and manage allergen information and procedures, ensuring staff are trained and able to provide accurate advice to customers.

Ensure catering provision meets religious, cultural, and dietary requirements where appropriate (e.g., vegetarian, vegan, halal, kosher, gluten-free).

Assist in managing catering budgets, ordering and basic kitchen audits  
Complete necessary records, including temperature logs, stock levels, and cleaning schedules.

Contribute to reports for the Chef Manager as required.

Promote a welcoming and positive atmosphere in the dining areas.

Respond to feedback, concerns, and complaints in a professional manner.

Encourage healthy eating by ensuring a varied and nutritious food offer.





## Professional conduct

### All Staff are expected:

- To uphold the values of Better Futures Multi-Academy Trust and support the college in achieving its mission and strategic commitments.
- To adhere to the college's Safeguarding Policy and related safeguarding procedures and fulfil their responsibilities as a staff member and pass on concerns to appropriate designated safeguarding leads.
- To comply with the Guidance for Safer Working Practice for Adults working with children and young people in education settings ('GSWP')
- To act in accordance with provisions of the Trust's Staff Code of Conduct.
- To act in accordance with and promote the College's Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policies and to work positively and collaboratively as part of a diverse college community with colleagues, students, parents and other stakeholders.
- To operate in accordance with Health and Safety Legislation, which specifies that all employees have a duty to work safely and not to put others at risk.
- To abide by the College's Data Protection Policy and IT Security Policy
- To comply with and follow all other college policies and procedures in force (available on the college intranet) and also with the conditions of service stipulated within the contract of employment.
- To accept the shared responsibility with all colleagues for management of student behaviour through collective oversight of the College during the day.
- To contribute to team faculty and whole college activities and arrangements such team/faculty/wider college meetings and open days/ evenings, parents' evenings and school liaison events.
- To engage positively in quality assurance and improvement processes such as subject showcase and departmental learning visits.
- To attend all professional development relevant to your role and to seek and act on feedback from colleagues, students and other stakeholders as part of own development. To work with an allocated coach to set and achieve personal development goals.
- To undertake such other duties as the college management shall deem appropriate for the level of responsibility involved.

# How to apply



## Further information

Any initial enquiries about the post or the appointment process should be directed to the HR department on 0115 851 5861 or by email at [beth.pugh@bilborough.ac.uk](mailto:beth.pugh@bilborough.ac.uk)

## Applying

To apply for this role please follow visit the College's TES recruitment portal:

<https://www.tes.com/schools/employers/1053050/current-jobs>.

This link can also be accessed through the 'job vacancies' section of the College's website [www.bilborough.ac.uk](http://www.bilborough.ac.uk).

You will need to complete an on-line application form and submit a supporting statement in which you demonstrate how your skills, abilities and experience make you a suitable candidate for the role. Please give specific details of how you meet all aspects of the person specification marked with an 'S' and 'SI.' CVs will only be accepted alongside a completed application form

To request an application form in an alternative format, please contact the HR Administrator on 0115 851 5861 or by email [beth.pugh@bilborough.ac.uk](mailto:beth.pugh@bilborough.ac.uk)

## Safeguarding Children and Young People

Bilborough College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All staff appointments are subject to the following pre-employment checks:

- Identity checks
- Right to work in the UK
- Previous employment history and exploring gaps in Employment
- Verification of relevant work qualifications
- Medical checks
- References
- ISA Children's List and DBS check (including overseas 'Certificate of Good Conduct' as appropriate).

As part of the shortlisting process, and in advance of an offer to interview, online checks are carried out as part of our due diligence on shortlisted candidates.

We are a Sixth Form College with a diverse student community. We particularly welcome applications from black and minority ethnic candidates as they are under-represented within our staff team.

**Closing Date for Applications: 5<sup>th</sup>**

**December 2025**

**Interviews to be held: W/C 8<sup>th</sup>**

**December 2025**



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