



SIDMOUTH COLLEGE

Part-Time Teacher of Geography
(0.48FTE) Fixed-Term Contract



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Welcome to Sidmouth College

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the post of Part-Time Teacher of Geography (0.48FTE) at Sidmouth College. The College currently has 864 students on roll of whom 114 are in the Sixth Form. The majority of our students are drawn from four local feeder schools, in Sidmouth, Sidbury, Newton Poppleford and Branscombe. The College is in a beautiful setting within the Sid Valley and the East Devon area of outstanding natural beauty.

Our vision is for vibrant and inspirational teaching that raises aspirations; challenges and engages, and prepares every student for lifelong learning. At Sidmouth College learners *believe* they can *succeed*, teachers *inspire* and everyone strives to be the best that they can be.

The College buildings sit within an attractive 13 acre campus and staff take every opportunity to make use of the natural environment on our doorstep to support students' learning and creativity. The vast majority of our 1960s buildings have now been replaced with modern, state of the art facilities, including classrooms, technology workshops and seven new Science laboratories and preparation facilities which create a fantastic modern learning environment.

We were delighted to be again judged as Good in the most recent Ofsted report in May 2022, which recognised our continuous improvement in achieving positive outcomes for all students.

The enclosed job description outlines the responsibilities of the role but put simply the successful candidate must:

- have a clear, well communicated understanding of good, successful teaching and learning
- possess the skills and determination to make a significant difference to the lives of our students
- be relentless in building students' self-esteem and encouraging students to aspire in Geography

Yours faithfully

Mrs Lisa Whitworth
Headteacher



Introduction

Sidmouth College is a thriving 11-18 community college located in the Devon countryside.

At Sidmouth College the individual is right at the heart of what we do. Students achieve academic success, develop their creativity, excel on the sports field and encounter a multitude of new experiences in a safe and enjoyable environment, encouraged by a team of dedicated and highly experienced professionals. At Sidmouth College we believe that the vibrant learning community, coupled with a culture of high standards and expectations, brings out the very best in every student and establishes abundant possibilities for their future.

Our Ethos—Believe, Inspire, Succeed

- Every learner believes and succeeds in fulfilling their potential and is inspired to lead a happy, healthy and successful life within a challenging and rapidly changing world.
- All learners have access to inspirational teaching that leads to outstanding learning and achievements which continues beyond the classroom.
- All learners have access to a high quality, relevant and appropriate curriculum that fully meets their needs and supports an engaging and inspiring learning experience.
- We inspire learners to believe in the contribution they can make to their learning, the College and the wider community. Learners take responsibility and develop resilience throughout their learning journey with clear support and guidance.
- All levels of leadership are focused on providing a vision, direction and culture in which all are inspired to believe and succeed.

A caring and supportive community

Care, guidance and support are strengths of the College. Students are organised in vertical tutor groups led by a tutor who monitors academic progress, student well-being and student development. Each tutor group is in one of four Houses - Drake, Grenville, Raleigh and Scott. The tutor group meets at the beginning of each day for registration, support and guidance.

The team of tutors is led by a Head of House who maintains a close overview of the work and wellbeing of the students. In addition, the School Counsellor and the Student Development Centre/pastoral team make a valuable contribution.

A stimulating and exciting learning journey

Learning is an adventure to be enjoyed; a journey that stretches, challenges and opens minds. Our stimulating and engaging curriculum delivers exciting opportunities in the classroom and beyond. Our overarching aim is to provide our young people with the skills and qualifications they need to become happy, successful adults with a passion for lifelong learning. Our Key Stage 3 programme aims to raise the ambitions of all students; developing knowledge, skills and understanding and promoting confidence in their abilities. At Key Stage 3 we ensure students experience learning in a wide range of subjects, including the Arts, Technology, Computer Science and Modern Foreign Languages.

In Key Stage 4 students have the opportunity to study a range of personalised pathways, designed to support their individual talents and interests and maximise their achievement and success. At Key Stage 4 all students study a core curriculum of English Language and English Literature, Maths, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, PE and RE in addition to three option subjects.

At Key Stage 5 we offer a wide range of A Level qualifications and the vast majority of students choose three linear subjects, with some choosing to study four.



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Appointment Information

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This is an exciting opportunity for someone wanting a key role in Sidmouth College. If you are a well-qualified, ambitious and inspirational teacher who can demonstrate a real passion for Geography with commitment to make a difference to the lives of our students by raising standards, achievements and expectations, then we would welcome your application.

This is a Part-time (0.48FTE) post on a fixed-term contract until 31/08/2025 starting as soon as possible.

We require a highly committed and motivated practitioner who can ensure that the Geography Department will continue to grow from strength to strength. Excellent curriculum knowledge is essential. The successful candidate will be expected to teach Geography at KS3, and may be required to teach to KS4. They must possess the ability to enthuse and inspire students by sharing their passion for Geography.

The post would suit an NQT or experienced teacher of Geography and or someone looking for a different setting with new challenges and opportunities.

The Curriculum

Geography is studied by all students in Key Stage 3 for three hours per fortnight, five hours per fortnight at Key Stage 4, and nine hours per fortnight at A Level. In their lessons, students develop a range of skills in both physical and human geography including research, investigation, map work and decision-making. Classes are mixed ability in all Key Stages therefore the ability to differentiate is essential.

At Key Stage 3 students are introduced to the key elements of Geography such as weather systems, rivers, coasts, habitats and migration. Students learn in a variety of ways including group work, individual study and field work.

At Key Stage 4 students follow the OCR B syllabus and the option is very popular. The GCSE involves several opportunities for field work.

The Geography Department

The Geography department is a very successful department providing high quality experiences for students. Student enjoyment and uptake is extremely high at both KS4 and KS5 and results are strong.

The department carries out regular fieldwork in the local area at Key Stages 4 and 5 and currently offers A level students an annual trip to Iceland. The department provides a broad curriculum designed to engage all students and encourage enjoyment. We regularly work on a cross-curricular basis and the department has strong community links in and around Sidmouth, giving students the opportunity to broaden their horizons.

Application Process

The closing date for applications is **Thursday 26th September 2024 at 12noon.**

Interviews to be held Monday 7th October 2024

Please apply online at:

[Ted Wragg Multi-Academy Trust - Vacancies \(tedwraggtrust.co.uk\)](https://tedwraggtrust.co.uk)

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A copy of our safeguarding policy can be found here: [Safeguarding](#). This role falls under KCSIE regulated activities and, as such, it is an offence to apply for the role if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity relating to children. The successful candidate will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring (DBS) check. Please ensure you read and understand our Privacy Notice, which can be found on our website, before applying. We make appointments in accordance with our Recruitment and Selection Policy.

Sidmouth College is an equal opportunities employer.

Teacher of Geography

Post: **Teacher of Geography (0.48FTE)**
 Part-time fixed-term contract until 31st August 2025

Scale: **TPS/ MPS**

Responsible to: **Head of Department**

This job description is not a comprehensive definition of the post. Discussions will take place on a regular basis to clarify individual responsibilities within the general framework and character of the post as identified below. The conditions of employment of teachers in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions of Service Document apply to this post, whose holder is expected to carry out the professional duties of a teacher as circumstances may require, under the reasonable direction of the Principal.

Core purpose of a class teacher

To be an effective teacher (and tutor) who supports and challenges all students to achieve their full potential. To secure high levels of expectation and attainment, and promote high levels of participation in both the formal and informal curriculum of the College.

Accountabilities

- To maintain a thorough and up-to-date knowledge of the teaching of your subject and take account of wider curriculum developments which are relevant to your work.
- To plan lessons/activities/tutorials and sequences of lessons to meet students' individual learning needs.
- To use a range of appropriate strategies and follow College policies for teaching/tutoring, behaviour management and classroom management.
- To do all that you can to ensure that you safeguard and promote the welfare of students in the College.
- To set well-grounded expectations for students in your teaching and tutorial groups using information about prior attainment.
- To assess, monitor and record the progress of students in your teaching (and tutorial groups) and give them clear and constructive feedback.
- To do all you can to ensure that, as a result of your teaching (and tutoring), your students achieve well relative to their prior attainment, making progress as good as or better than similar students nationally and in the College.
- To take responsibility for your own professional development and use the outcomes to improve your teaching (and tutoring) and your students' learning.
- To make an active contribution to the policies, aspirations and plans of your year group, of your curriculum team and of the College.
- The teacher will play a critical role in the life of the College. They will provide a role model for teaching and learning, make a distinctive contribution to the raising of students' standards and contribute effectively to the work of the wider team. They will take advantage of the appropriate opportunities for professional development and use outcomes effectively to improve students' learning.

Performance Appraisal

Your annual performance review is based on this overall job description and with particular emphasis on your individual annual targets. These are set in discussion with your line manager and grouped under the headings: Professional Development; Departmental Improvement Plan; Student Progress.



Person Specification

Requirement	Essential	Desirable
Holds a DfE recognised teaching qualification together with Qualified Teacher Status	√	
Geography Degree or equivalent qualification	√	
Evidence of continuing professional development	√	
Ability to use assessment, tracking and student level data to raise standards of achievement.	√	
Evidence of successful teaching across the 11-16 range and ability range	√	
Ability to teach Geography to Key Stage 3 & 4	√	
Demonstrate a sound understanding of the qualities of good teaching and effective learning and how these can be applied to raise student attainment	√	
Demonstrate an understanding of the effective planning and delivery of a balanced curriculum.	√	
Ability to demonstrate excellent subject knowledge and proven experience of teaching across the key stages.	√	
Has a clear vision and strong commitment to inclusion and how this can be achieved for students.	√	
Has the ability and strong commitment to working in partnership with staff and parents.	√	
Can set, maintain and actively promote high standards of student behaviour.	√	
Enthusiasm, determination and an insistence on high standards	√	
The ability to envision, enthuse, inspire and motivate students, staff and parents.	√	
Good decision making skills; the ability to identify and implement solutions to problems.	√	
Good self-management skills, including the ability to plan one's time effectively	√	
Enjoys working in new and challenging situations with the capacity to work under pressure	√	
A high level of personal integrity	√	
A willingness to learn new skills and approaches, and share good practice and experiences with others	√	
Excellent attendance, punctuality and a sense of commitment	√	



