



Recruitment Information Pack

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Dear Candidate

Thank you for your interest in Heathfield Community College and I am delighted that you are considering joining our team at this exciting stage in our journey.

As the Headteacher I am privileged to lead such a fantastic school. Heathfield Community College is a consistently high performing secondary school with an excellent Sixth Form. It is an inspirational community where young people excel. Our success is based on partnership and a clear focus on excellence for all students.

This is a school going from strength to strength. There is a sustained sense of positive momentum at Heathfield. Repeated Ofsted Inspections have noticed: *“there is a tangible sense of pride, ambition and community within the college.”* which are *“lived out in daily life”* (May 2023). Our most recent inspection in May 2023 which confirmed we were an outstanding provider in the majority of judgements stating *“pupils receive a great education... and...flourish here”* with praise for our ambitious curriculum, teaching and high level of achievement. In 2024 Ofsted confirmed our outcomes were indeed *“outstanding”*.

Achievement has continued to improve and 2026 has again shown exceptional success for our students at both Key stage 4 and Key Stage 5. Students here are expected to apply themselves fully to their studies and reap the rewards of hard work as a result.

Heathfield students and staff have a strong sense of belonging and community. A warm and collaborative ethos means students are well known to teachers and are supported by their peers; students develop a firm identity with college values and a sense of responsibility for one another.

Heathfield is a positive, innovative and collaborative professional environment where you can trust that you will be inspired, challenged and supported as you take the next steps in your career. Therefore, I am totally focused on ensuring that we handpick the very best staff to join our team and help us fulfil our goals.

If I can help or advise you as you consider your application, please do not hesitate to contact me at cbarlow@heathfieldcc.co.uk.

CAROLINE BARLOW

Headteacher

Our College

About the School

Heathfield Community College serves the local community from a pleasant 26 acre site on the edge of Heathfield. Our size offers us many advantages: we have excellent facilities, allowing us to offer a wide and varied range of academic and vocational courses at all levels. The Heathfield campus has been steadily improved in recent years. We have both a Library and a dedicated Sixth Form Learning Resource Centre, we also enjoy large open space and a floodlit all-weather astro-turf pitch.

A rolling programme of refurbishment means we continue to upgrade and improve our site and facilities including Science rooms, Music Technology and ICT facilities, including our very own Apple-esque Genius Bar. There is also a fitness centre (adjoining the school site and run by Freedom Leisure), and multi-use games areas.

Our commitment to an innovative digital curriculum ensures a well-resourced college across all areas. 18 individual rooms offer a breadth of ICT provision ranging from Microsoft PCs for all subjects, Apple Macs for Media, Graphics and Music Technology. The iPads ensure that creative and innovative approaches to teaching and learning transform experiences across the college. A high-speed wireless across the site ensures reliable functionality. Full remote access for staff and students ensures high quality access to resources and dialogue about learning. We seek to constantly review and adapt our practice to ensure the most efficient and effective ways of working and promoting learning. Teaching staff are supported with an iPad for their role.

Autistic Spectrum Facility

Heathfield Community College has a designated Specialist Facility for students on the Autistic Spectrum, including those with Aspergers Syndrome. There are twelve places within the Specialist Provision, although there are many more students with a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in the college. The College has previously achieved Autism Accreditation from the National Autistic Society.

Students with ASD have significant, core difficulties in the areas of:-

- Social interaction; social relationships.
- Social use of language; communication skills.
- Social understanding; imagination and theory of mind.

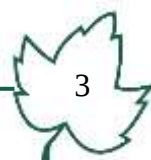
These are known as the Triad of Impairment.

As with all students with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities, at Heathfield Community College, we believe that the first important step towards Inclusion happens in subject classrooms through quality first teaching.

Our Learning Support Department is committed to supporting students, staff and parents to ensure that all students make progress and achieve their potential. Training is offered on a formal and informal basis and all new staff are expected to attend at least the three part ASD training, or the ASD Online Training during their first year.

Heathfield Community College offers all students:

- A well-planned, broad and balanced curriculum.
- A consistent record of excellent examination results.
- Well qualified specialist staff combining innovative and traditional methods in the classroom.
- A secure, supportive, encouraging and happy environment.
- A wide range of extra-curricular and residential activities.
- Access to a digital curriculum with iPads for all students through a lease scheme.



Our Vision and Ethos

Heathfield Community College is committed to fulfilling the potential of each of its learners. The College achieves outstanding results for students of all abilities and aspires to meet the needs of all who live within the Heathfield community. We are a fully inclusive College with outstanding provision for the whole range of students from our most vulnerable to our most gifted.

From the moment that students join the College they are embraced into an ethos, which is widely recognised as aspirational with a strong community spirit *“Pupils enjoy coming to school and they are proud of it.”. They “are well mannered and polite. Staff set a high bar in terms of pupils’ conduct. Pupils feel happy and safe in this vibrant and nurturing school...make a real difference to continually improving life at their school.”* (Ofsted)

Students play an active role in the College, develop leadership skills and support each other extensively including Sixth Form support for Year 7 reading and Year 10 Buddies to support the transition from Primary school.

Our Prefects, College Council and other representative bodies play a significant role in shaping the future of the College. A real and developing strength of the school is the broad range of leadership opportunities for students.

The school has a palpable *“culture for learning where students engage happily in their work and succeed well”*

The journey from Year 7 through to the Sixth Form is a rich experience. There is an extensive range of clubs, opportunities to perform in concerts and productions, sporting success, and engagement with the community locally as well as more widely across East Sussex or even nationally.

Students from Heathfield Community College leave the College as well-rounded young adults ready to be responsible citizens of the future with strong values, strong principles and ambition for success. This is achieved by a clear focus on the skills and attributes that we know are essential for future success in life.

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Vision and Values

Heathfield Community College is a positive and inclusive environment ensuring exceptional educational experiences with ambition and breadth for all. Heathfield students develop the knowledge, skills and characteristics to become the best version of themselves; they succeed and thrive at the highest levels.

Pride

- Celebrating success, our own and that of others.
- Developing self-belief and confidence.
- Valuing integrity and honesty.
- Growing self-esteem through a broad range of rich experiences.

Ambition

- Developing a mindset of hard work, determination, engagement and attention to detail.
- Innovative, challenging and personalized curriculum.
- High quality teaching and learning.
- Exceptional outcomes and destinations for all.

Community

- Mutual respect underpins positive relationships, our words and actions have impact.
- Good manners, courtesy and compassion.
- Valuing diversity, challenging discrimination and proactive inclusion.
- Working in partnership, we are all accountable for the responsibilities we each hold.

Pride . Ambition . Community

Staff Wellbeing

All staff and students at Heathfield work hard. As a result, we achieve impressive outcomes and enjoy a clear sense of purpose and belonging.

As part of ensuring we are all able to continue to give our best we prioritise the well-being of colleagues through continual review of our structures, practices and policies, ensuring that we remain focused on the things that will make a difference. Through discussion and regular feedback, we seek to reduce and remove the aspects of college life that impede or prevent effective working.

Equally a commitment to varied and personalised staff development ensures that colleagues are coached, challenged and supported to stay interested and keep refining their professional skills throughout their time at Heathfield.

In addition, the following offer routes for staff feedback, support and wellbeing:

- Staff Voice, active staff governors and healthy positive links with unions to ensure all voices are heard.
- Supportive governors with clear links to and positive engagement with all areas of the college.
- A thriving Staffroom Association that plans social and charitable activities.
- Commitment to healthy practices such as #teacher5aday.
- Access to staff counselling free and confidential services and other East Sussex support and entitlement packages.

Teacher of Maths (Maternity Cover)

Scale	Main Scale or UPR
Hours	Part Time 0.6fte (preferable days Tue/Wed/Fri if appropriate) Full Time may be considered
Commencement	January 2027 (earlier start can be agreed)
Commitment	Fixed Term maternity cover for one year in the first instance

Application Process

You are invited to read the following:

- Information and details about the College and department in this pack and via jobs@heathfieldcc.co.uk

If you are keen to join us then please complete and return the following:

- East Sussex County Council application form which should be returned (CVs will not be considered), including the names of two referees and the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form, by post or email to Ms Caroline Barlow, Headteacher - jobs@heathfieldcc.co.uk

The deadline for submitting an application is midday Friday 9 October 2025. Interviews will take place during week commencing 12 October. Any applications received after the closing date may not be considered. If you are shortlisted you will be contacted by letter or telephone inviting you for an interview. It is not our policy to acknowledge applications or to contact candidates if they have not been shortlisted. No discourtesy is meant by this.

Shortlisting & Online Checks

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by letter or telephone inviting them to attend an interview.

Only shortlisted applicants are required to complete and return the attached Shortlisting Declaration Form. This should be emailed to Ellie Potter, Senior Finance & HR Assistant at epotter@heathfieldcc.co.uk prior to interview.

As part of our recruitment checks please be advised the College reserves the right to conduct online searches on shortlisted candidates prior to interview.

Interview Procedure

If a candidate is selected for interview the procedure will test how the candidate fulfils the requirements of the post. The selection process will include consideration of the candidate's suitability to work with children and young people. We also aim to give candidates suitable opportunity to determine for themselves the extent to which Heathfield is the right location for the next step in their career. The procedure is therefore likely to include:

1. Tour of the College with students;
2. Student panel interview;
3. Tasks relevant to the role;
4. Lesson;
5. Opportunity to meet colleagues in the department;
6. Panel interview with Senior Leadership Team, Curriculum Leader and a Governor.

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants will need to undertake, or currently hold, a DBS enhanced clearance for this authority. We are also required by law to ensure that any prospective employee is legally entitled to live and work in the UK. You will be required to provide documentation as evidence. Other conditions of employment may apply. We are committed to equality of opportunity and positively welcome applications from all sections of the community. For an informal discussion regarding this post, please contact Joanna Smith, Curriculum Leader Maths on 01435 8660666 or via email jsmith@heathfieldcc.co.uk.

Maths Department

We can offer you an opportunity to join a supportive and enthusiastic department.

The Maths Department are committed to trialing new ideas in the classroom and work hard to provide engaging activities and lessons for all students. We are committed to ensuring all students have every opportunity to make excellent progress in Mathematics. We are also keen to ensure students enjoy the subject and are confident with their numeracy and problem-solving.

The Department is led by the Curriculum Leader, Joanna Smith, who is supported by two Assistant Curriculum Leaders with responsibilities for teaching and learning (all Key Stages) and for staff development, as well as thirteen other Mathematics Teachers (some of whom work in the computing, business, science and PE faculties). The department is actively involved in local and regional hubs.

Studying Mathematics at Key Stage 5 is extremely popular at Heathfield CC with a high proportion of external applicants. We offer Key Stage 5 course for Mathematics and Further Mathematics. There are many opportunities for staff to develop their subject knowledge and the team work together to support each other.

Mathematics is taught through-out the College with a range of approaches including group activities and whole class interactive activities, using a range of Digital Technologies. We have a clear assessment and tracking plan which other Maths Departments have adopted.

All our classrooms are equipped with Digital Interactive boards and we use a wealth of online resources to engage the students and provide opportunities for independent learning. In years 7 to 11 we continue to develop opportunities to use iPads to enhance learning in the classroom.

Our students are highly successful Mathematicians. In 2026 81% of students achieved Grade 4+, 57% achieved Grade 5+ and 23% achieved 7+. 57% of students at Maths A2 Level and 72% of students at Further Maths A2 Level achieved Grade B-A*.

We continue to develop our KS5 team and ensure all members of the Department have opportunities to develop their pedagogical practice, subject knowledge and teaching experience



Job Description

JOB PURPOSE	To make a major contribution to teaching and learning in the department To contribute to the personal and social development of all students To carry out the responsibilities of a subject teacher in accordance with National and LA Standards for Qualified Teachers
ACCOUNTABLE TO	Head of Department & Head of Year, as a Form Tutor
ACCOUNTABLE FOR	The students within your designated classes and tutor group

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES	KEY TASKS
Accountable for the experiences offered to students within the classroom	- To plan and deliver the curriculum for each designated class - To mark and assess all student work and to keep clear records in line with departmental policy and National Curriculum guidelines - To complete all reports according to College policy and to attend all liaison meetings with parents - To contribute to curriculum development within the department - To provide differentiated experiences within lessons - To set and mark homework on a regular basis in line with College and departmental policy To be responsible for the good conduct of all students in your charge and to make effective use of the College's system of rewards and sanctions
Accountable for the effective use of human and material resources within the Department	- To contribute to the effective development of a departmental resource bank of materials - To be accountable for all resources within your teaching base and used by students in your charge To be responsible for appropriate displays of students' work in your teaching base and the College
Accountable for the joint development of the subject area within the college	- To attend all department meetings - To attend staff development as agreed with the Head of Department - To participate in all departmental workshops To represent the Department and College working groups, as required
Accountable for a tutor group of students within the college (not NQTs)	- To register the group and carry out all the functions of the form tutor as stated in the staff handbook - To attend all Year meetings - To contribute to the extra-curricular programme of College activities at lunch-time or after College - To contribute to the effective running of the College through break and lunch time supervision

Person Specification

The School will seek to identify these attributes through the recruitment and selection process of application, certification, interviews and professional references.

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Experience	Teaching of Mathematics to pupils at KS3 and KS4	Experience of teaching KS5
Qualifications	Qualified Teacher Status	A good honours degree Evidence of further study
Skills	A variety of teaching strategies Good ICT skills Effective and flexible classroom management Ability to relate to, and communicate with, students in and out of the classroom Good classroom practitioner	Eager for further development and promotion
Personal Qualities	Record of good attendance High expectations of students Developing and maintaining good relationships with colleagues Very hard working Have a positive attitude, energy and commitment Good sense of humour Willing to become involved in extra-curricular activities Ability to work as part of a team	Awareness and experience of: • New National Curriculum • Assessment for Learning

Essential Safeguarding Practice

- Evidence of commitment to promoting the health, welfare and safeguarding of children.
- Evidence of promoting, implementing and monitoring equal opportunities across the full range of protected characteristics.
- An understanding of Child Protection procedures and a commitment to promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children.