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Dear Applicant

Thank you for taking the time to read the information on our position for Subject Leader of Psychology and Sociology. I hope that through reading the attached information you gain a sense of the atmosphere, vision and ethos of our school.

Whitworth Park's core vision is built on values of respect – for ourselves, for others and for members of the wider school community. We believe that perseverance, imagination, creativity and effective teamwork can be combined to enable all students to access exciting and fulfilling careers in the long term. Whitworth Park is a warm, welcoming and hardworking community striving for excellence.


Our results and progression on to universities prove that our sixth form provision is also firmly established. Our sixth form, which is accommodated in a state-of-the-art £11m building continues to develop young adults ready to take all the opportunities the world offers them. We have a proud track record of success in supporting students to progress on to excellent universities and increasingly, apprenticeships with progression rates well above the Durham Local Authority average.

This is a wonderful opportunity to join a welcoming and caring school. We are in the process of carrying out a significant restructure across all areas of our school and this has created some exciting opportunities for teachers and support staff. You will find that staff and students in our school are exceptional people to work with. Behaviour and relationships are excellent and the environment is very pleasant. The development of staff is a priority for us and we have a comprehensive induction and development programme for staff at all stages of their career.

On our website [www.whitworthpark.org.uk](http://www.whitworthpark.org.uk) you will find further information about the school, the department and the post itself. The closing date for applications is **2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**. If you do not hear from us within four weeks, please assume that you have been unsuccessful on this occasion.

We look forward to reading your application and to meeting you in person at interview.

Yours sincerely



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