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Dear Candidate

## Teacher of Science (MPR)

Thank you for expressing an interest in the above post.

East Bergholt High School is a fantastic school with lovely students who are eager to learn and with a professional, hard-working staff, who care passionately about students as individuals. Learning is at the heart of all that we do. It is unquestionably vital that all students leave us with the best possible set of qualifications of which they are capable. However, we also believe it is important they have opportunities to develop their self-confidence and self-esteem in order to be successful in later life. In order to fulfil this aim, it is a real strength of our School that we offer our students around 100 extra-curricular activities a week, as well as a wide range of trips. We also offer our students an extensive range of leadership opportunities.

In our last inspection in January 2018, Ofsted upheld the September 2013 rating of a good school saying, "The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection"..

The Science Faculty is led by a Leader of Science supported by a KS3 co-ordinator. There are currently 8 teaching staff members in the Faculty and 3 technicians. The Science Faculty enjoys good accommodation across 6 laboratories, and an IT room which is used almost exclusively by the Faculty. Uptake for single sciences in KS4 is very strong. In 2018 56% of the GCSE cohort was entered for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. In light of the increased demands of the new GCSE specification from September 2018 all students studying three Science GCSEs were required to select Science within one of the option blocks. GCSE results for the past three years have been as follows:

Year	Biology		Chemistry		Physics		Combined Science	
	A*/A	A*-C	A*/A	A*-C	A*/A	A*-C	A*/A	A*-C
2018	23%	87%	23%	85%	22%	91%	0%	45%
2017	21%	83%	19%	80%	22%	89%	0%	50%
2016	26%	86%	22%	75%	18%	92%	2%	40%

Although results are good we are not complacent, and believe there is room for improvement. The school is a member of Pixl, which is a rich source of ideas and resources for school improvement.

The Faculty works closely with our feeder Primary schools, and annually hosts both a Year 4 and Year 6 Science day led by our Head of KS3..

East Bergholt converted to an Academy in August 2011, and as of 01 June 2017, in partnership with Claydon and Hadleigh High Schools, we formed the South Suffolk Learning Trust (SSLT). All three schools came together as “Good” schools with a track record of working closely together. All three Schools share a common vision and set of values, and we are all excited at the possible opportunities our new Trust can offer both staff and students

Our website contains a wealth of further information about the School, including the School prospectus. Our termly magazine, The Bergholt Beacon, (<http://www.eastbergholthigh.suffolk.sch.uk/bergholtbeacon>) provides a great insight into the life of the school.

If you require any further information or would like an informal discussion on the post please do not hesitate to contact me..

In order to apply you will need to:

- complete the application form;
- write a letter of no more than two sides of A4 explaining what experiences and skills you feel you can offer and how you would develop the role;
- return your application to the school, applications will be considered on submission.

Please be aware that the successful candidate will be subjected to an enhanced DBS check.

I appreciate the time and effort that goes into making an application, so please accept my thanks in advance if you decide to proceed beyond this initial expression of interest. Thank you once again for your interest in this post.

Yours sincerely,



**Colin Turner**  
Headteacher

