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Dear Meinir Davies,

I am writing to apply for the position of Advisor as discussed over email. Please find attached a copy of my CV.

I am applying for this position as I am a good teacher with an approachable demeanour which will make me a good fit for the role of Advisor. I am used to answering questions both in person and on internet-based forums such as the Aber CompSci Q&A facebook group. I enjoy both helping and teaching people of all ages, as evidenced by several points in my attached CV, and would revel in the chance to do this in a more formal setting within the department.

I have already taught in the department as a demonstrator in 2011-12 and was praised as an "excellent" demonstrator by students, which was fed back to me by the Staff Student Committee. I also attended a peer review of teaching of all demonstrators and provided feedback on how to improve the demonstration of practical sessions.

Having taught a variety of subjects in several differing environments to many audiences, I have developed good communication skills to be able to explain topics in an easily understandable manner. Having qualified as a Kayaking Instructor I have also learnt about different teaching styles. This allows me to adjust my teaching to better suit a students preferred learning style.

I have also produced and presented a publication for an IEEE-sponsored Image and Signal Processing conference for a special session on Digital Imaging in Cultural Heritage. I have also presented the topic of this paper: dating the work of the Welsh artist Sir John "Kyffin" Williams using image processing, at two BSc Show and Tell events, gaining good feedback from several attendees.

I am currently working at a first/high 2:1, with notable modules including: "Major Project" (78%), "Open Source Development Issues" (75%) and "Agile Methodologies" (71%) in the third year. "The Artificial Intelligence Toolbox Part I: How To Find Solutions" (82%), "Program Design, Data Structure and Algorithms" (76%) and Modelling Persistent Data" (80%).

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Sincerely yours,

Alexander D Brown

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