LOCATION	The British International School Abu Dhabi
JOB TITLE	Head of Science
JOB PURPOSE	To lead all aspects of the Science provision of the school such that all students achieve exceptional academic, personal and social outcomes.
REPORTING TO	Head of Secondary
DIRECT REPORTS	Science Teachers
OTHER KEY RELATIONSHIPS	Secondary Leadership Team, other Heads of Department

### **KEY RESULT AREA**

# Core Requirements of the Post

In fulfilling the requirements of the post, the teacher will demonstrate essential professional characteristics, and in particular will:

- Inspire trust and confidence in students, colleagues and parents
- Engage and motivate students
- Continually strive to develop the quality of students' learning
- Use the student tracking and monitoring process to advance student learning and enhance professional practice in line with the school's aspirations and priorities
- Contribute to the school improvement / development planning and promote the learning priorities of the School Development Plan
- Promote the wider aspirations and values of the school

# Strategic Direction and Development

- Contribute to existing policies or develop policies and practice for Science, which reflect the school's commitment to high quality teaching and learning
- Establish a clear and shared understanding of the importance and role of Science in our community
- Advise the school on local and national Science priorities and their incorporation into the school plan for redevelopment
- Establish, with the involvement of relevant staff, plans for the development and resourcing of Science
- Monitor the progress made in achieving planned targets, evaluate the effects upon teaching and learning and use the information to inform further improvement
- Support, maintain and enhance the positive image and ethos of the school.

## Teaching and Learning

- Employ a wide range of teaching strategies to ensure students make excellent progress
- Have a more developed knowledge and understanding of Science and related pedagogy
- Ensure that school policies and schemes of work are implemented throughout Science
- Ensure that a high standard of physical and emotional care of all children is maintained to develop and maintain highly effective inclusion procedures
- Facilitate development of teacher pedagogical awareness and understanding of student development and learning needs
- Ensure students and staff within Science are supported to create a positive school ethos
- Assist in the promotion of understanding and active co-operation between staff and parents on all school matters

- Provide support and advice for parents to create effective partnerships for the learning of Science
- Liaise with outside agencies when appropriate and necessary

# Leading and Managing Staff

- Facilitate staff in making constructive working relationships with students, their parents/carers and outside agencies
- Establish clear expectations for staff involved in Science, through team working and mutual support, devolving responsibilities and delegating tasks as appropriate, evaluating practice and developing a culture of accountability
- Ensure high quality training, monitoring and support is provided during the induction of new staff
- Lead by example, provide inspiration and motivation
- Carry out Performance Management reviews with Science staff

## Efficient and Effective Deployment of Staff and Resources

- Identify staff and resource needs for Science about likely priorities for expenditure, and allocate available resources with maximum efficiency and value for money
- Ensure effective and efficient management and organisation of learning resources
- Maintain existing resources and explore opportunities to develop or incorporate new resources from a wide range of sources inside and outside the school
- Create a stimulating environment for teaching and learning

## Extra Curricular Activities

- Support the life of the school beyond the classroom
- Lead one or more agreed after school activities each week
- Participate in residential and other trips as appropriate
- Contribute to whole school learning initiatives during term

## Other Requirements

- Contribute positively to the morale and community spirit in the school
- Work effectively in different teams
- Assist in whole school marketing initiatives and contribute to the growth of the school
- Operate at all times within the stated policies and practices of the school
- Meet responsibilities with regard to health and safety, equal opportunities and other relevant legislation and conform to professional and ethical requirements
- Any other appropriate duties as allocated by members of the school's leadership team

#### OTHER

- Promote and embodies *The CORE 7 Leadership Capabilities:* 
  - 1. **Accountable** Establishes a high performing culture and accepts accountability for organisational performance.
  - 2. **Strategic** Leads opportunity and is committed to continuous improvement aligned with the organisational vision and direction
  - 3. **Collaborative** Works collaboratively with others to achieve organisational outcomes
  - 4. **Entrepreneurial** Creates organisational value for diverse stakeholders and achieves commercial success

- 5. Enabling Drives excellence through valuing and developing others
- 6. **Agile** Achieves personal and organisational success within a changing, dynamic and complex environment
- 7. **Resilient** Demonstrates personal resilience within a demanding environment of high expectations
- Each individual must ensure that they meet their statutory responsibilities and Company policies with regard to Health and Safety, Equal Opportunities and other relevant legislation
- A commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all students.
  Willingness to undertake appropriate child protection training when required

PERSON SPECIFICATIONS		
Qualifications/Training		
<ul> <li>Degree in Science or equivalent</li> </ul>	Essential	
Experience / Knowledge	1	
<ul> <li>Minimum of five years' teaching experience</li> </ul>	Essential	
<ul> <li>Experience of working and leading within a large Science department</li> </ul>	Essential	
<ul> <li>Demonstrable evidence of innovating and adapting curricula to engage children and enable them to perform highly</li> </ul>	Essential	
<ul> <li>Ability to support colleagues in the continued development of effective teaching and learning strategies</li> </ul>	Essential	
<ul> <li>Proven leadership and people management skills</li> </ul>	Essential	
<ul> <li>Working in partnership with parents</li> </ul>	Essential	
Skills	<u> </u>	
<ul> <li>Excellent oral and written communication skills</li> </ul>	Essential	
<ul> <li>Ability to engage children and enable them to perform highly</li> </ul>	Essential	
Personal Attributes	-	
High levels of personal integrity.	Essential	
Excellent organisational and time-management skills	Essential	
Attention to detail	Essential	
<ul> <li>Ability to work under pressure and remain calm</li> </ul>	Essential	
Willingness to take on multiple tasks	Essential	
<ul> <li>Proactive and able to prompt others to ensure deadlines are achieved</li> </ul>	Essential	
Self-motivated and enthusiastic	Essential	
Ability to work independently	Essential	
Continually strive for improvement	Essential	
<ul> <li>Adaptability</li> </ul>	Essential	
<ul> <li>Passionate about education and young people</li> </ul>	Essential	
Evidence of commitment to professional development	Essential	
<ul> <li>Understand the complex and demanding environment of an internationa school community</li> </ul>	Essential	
<ul> <li>Desire and passion for raising the achievements and profile of Science</li> </ul>	Essential	

### OTHER CONDITIONS

Compliance with visa requirements for working in the UAE.

At Nord Anglia Education we are committed to providing a world class, safe, happy environment in which children and young people are able to thrive and learn. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our students irrespective of race, ability, religion, gender or culture. All post holders in regulated activity (having regular unsupervised contact with children) are subject to appropriate national and international vetting procedures including satisfactory criminal record checks from both Country of residence/birth and any Country of residence within the last 10 years.