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Teacher of Maths with Responsibility: Person Specification

Qualifications

- Good Honours Degree, preferably in a Maths-related discipline
- DfE recognised QTS

Experience

- Experience of successfully developing pedagogy and practice in Maths, at KS3 and KS4, with a strong record of students making excellent progress in your classes.
- Appropriate in-service training and professional development undertaken.

Classroom Skills

- Clear thinking; the ability to incisively cut through misconceptions and achieve clarity of understanding.
- Modelling the process; the skill of sharing both expected outcomes *and* the steps needed to get there.
- High-challenge, low stress; the ability to establish and sustain a positive learning environment where students are encouraged to stretch themselves in a supportive atmosphere.
- Sticky learning; a pedagogy rooted in deep understanding of how information is learned, retained and recalled.
- Growth mindset; the ability to promote an ethos where failure is learned from, not feared.

Leadership skills

- Strategic thinking; the ability to see beyond one single area and consider wider impact.
- Highly efficient organisational and management skills, in the contexts of both independent and team activity.
- The ability to respond quickly under pressure without losing the capacity to think rationally.
- Persuasion; the ability to change minds.
- Stress management; the skill of helping to absorb others' stress whilst effectively dealing with your own challenges
- Sensitive challenge; never leaving concerns unaddressed but always acting with decency, warmth and respect.



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Personal Qualities

- Self-awareness do you make time to consider how others see you?
- Emotional intelligence can you manage your own feelings when interacting with others?
- Relentless positivity do you bring solutions, not problems, to the table?
- Humanity and humour can you smile in the face of adversity?
- Resilience do you always see a task through to completion?
- Flexibility can you adapt constantly to new situations?
- Authenticity are you believable enough to command the respect of others?

