Person Specification

Post Title Head of School

Date: September 2020



	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications/ Training	 Qualified Teacher Status Evidence of relevant professional development Good honours degree Significant leadership and management training and development 	 National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) or equivalent further study Relevant further degree
Experience	 Extensive experience within the secondary sector, including Sixth Form Successful leadership experience Experience as an effective Deputy or Assistant Headteacher in Secondary Education Involvement in monitoring and evaluation Experience of a range of successful teaching and learning strategies to meet the needs of all students Experience of whole-school self-evaluation and improvement strategies Proven track record of expecting and achieving high standards 	 Senior Leadership experience in a Christian school Experience in more than one school Experience of Ofsted at Senior Leadership level
Knowledge and Understanding	 Evidence of successful use of new technologies to support school improvement including analysing data, developing strategic plans, setting targets and monitoring/evaluating progress Understand what constitutes outstanding quality in educational provision, the characteristics of effective schools and effective strategies for raising standards and the achievement of all students Understanding of timetable construction and curriculum design Secure understanding of the distinctive nature of Christian education and the College's role in the parish and wider community 	An understanding of the Voluntary Aided education sector

Knowledge and Understanding continued	 Understanding of the leadership role in the spiritual development of students and staff Understanding of the characteristics of an effective learning environment and the key elements of successful behaviour management Understanding of the rationale of Performance Management Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of forming and maintaining appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people Understanding of the expectations of leadership and management in a school context 	
Skills and Abilities	 Ability to represent the vision and views of the Executive Headteacher and the College Ability to lead and manage the College on the Executive Headteacher's behalf efficiently and effectively when required Ability to plan strategically and to lead, motivate, develop and inspire staff, students and parents to manage change Ability to drive important changes with resilience, tenacity and stamina Ability to articulate, share and translate a vision of secondary education within the context of the mission of a Christian school Ability to deal with complex and sensitive issues with diplomacy, professionalism, discretion and the Christian context of the College Ability to lead acts of worship in a Christian school Ability to inspire and lead others Ability to promote good discipline and be respected as firm and fair by students, staff, parents and other stakeholders Ability to build teams to share accountability for goals and standards Ability to collaborate and communicate with a wide range of audiences, including parents, students, colleagues, governors, dioceses and Local Authority Ability to give and receive feedback to improve personal performance Ability to develop and sustain a safe, secure and healthy learning environment Ability to contribute to the professional development of other colleagues 	

Personal	Be a communicant member of the Church of	Active Parish involvement
Qualities	 England or in communion with the Catholic Church Participate and contribute effectively and efficiently towards the academic, spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all students A desire and determination to make a genuine difference to the development of young people A relentless drive and ambition to create a highly successful school Demonstrate emotional resilience in working in challenging situations Be a consistent role model, acting with professionalism at all times and maintaining the clear expectations of safeguarding young people Model personal faith values to all members of the College community Cherish the uniqueness of each child, and recognise and realise his or her potential Commitment to high standards in all aspects of College life Commitment to acting as an ambassador for the College, forging effective partnerships and continuing to build trust and confidence in our work Aspiration to become a Headteacher or Executive Head Willingness to work collaboratively, 	

necessary

• Enthusiasm and passion to embrace change

Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to engage people in the College's vision
A genuine love of and care for young people

and their livesA sense of humour