

Person Specification

Job Title: Head of Department

Knowledge	Essential	<u>Desirable</u>
Good understanding of your subject secondary curriculum, Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 5	✓	
Knowledge of current issues facing subject departments	√	
A record of appropriate and continuing CPD		✓
Good understanding of school improvement and Ofsted inspection		
programmes		
Knowledge of departmental monitoring and tracking systems and	√	
their role in securing improvement		
Ability to provide clear evaluation and strategies for improvement	√	
for leadership teams and departments		
Ability to use IDSR and other data to analyse and evaluate		√
school/departmental performance		
Knowledge of Ofsted inspection framework and Evaluation		√
Schedule		
Good understanding and knowledge of current and new	√	
examination specifications		
Ability to offer advice on school-based assessments and on	√	
examination preparation for examinations		
Able to assess school-based assessments accurately and identify	✓	
strategies for improvement		
Experience of exam board marking		✓
Knowledge and understanding or marking criteria and using		✓
experience of this to support departmental colleagues		
Qualifications	Essential	<u>Desirable</u>
Degree in relevant subject	✓	
Qualified Teacher Status	✓	
Masters degree in relevant subject or Education / further study		✓
Evidence of involvement in relevant CPD		✓
Experience	Essential	<u>Desirable</u>
Experience of leading or supporting leadership of a department or	<u> </u>	
providing support to a school/department		
Successful experience of teaching at all key stages	✓	
Evidence of managing and leading a new initiative across a	✓	
department or whole school		
Evidence of involvement in transformational change within a		✓
department		
Outreach work / supporting a department in challenging		√
circumstances		
<u>Skills</u>	Essential	<u>Desirable</u>

An outstanding classroom practitioner with a clear direction and	✓	
vision for teaching and promoting the subject across the Academy		
Outstanding relationships with students and staff members which	✓	
promotes excellent classroom discipline and attainment		
Able to deliver bespoke CPD to colleagues and trainees		✓
To be able to analyse and review data and provide feedback and	✓	
high quality reports		
To be able to develop intervention strategies that bring about rapid	✓	
improvement		
Able to work flexibly and under pressure	✓	
Able to provide clear strategies for improvement, following	✓	
analysis/review of data and/or performance		
To be able to provide resources for departments	✓	
Develop and deliver clear examination and intervention work	✓	
Experience of working in one or more areas:		✓
KS4 intervention work		
Whole school programmes		
 Developing KS3 as a foundation for KS4 work 		