

Position: Head of Department - English

Person Specification

Criteria	Essential	Desirable	Evidence
Qualifications	Good honours degree in a relevant subjectQualified teacher status	Evidence of further professional development relevant to the post	Application form
Experience	Experience of teaching English Language and English Literature at GCSE level.	 At least 2 years experience of teaching English Literature or equivalent at A-Level Experience as teacher in charge of English at KS3, KS4, or KS5 	 Application form Letter of application Selection process References
Professional Attributes	Relationships with students Have high expectations of and aspirations for all students and a commitment to support them in achieve their potential Have and expect high standards of behaviour	Experience as a tutor	 Letter of application Selection process References
	Frameworks Have an up to date knowledge and understare Have an up to date knowledge of curriculum	•	
	 Communicating and working with others Be able to communicate effectively with students, parents and colleagues Be able to work in partnership with others to support the learning of students 	 Experience of management of colleagues Experience of working effectively with support staff 	
	Personal Professional Development Be reflective and committed to improving own and other's practice to benefit students Be open to advice and feedback	 Evidence of continuing professional development Experience of applying performance management systems 	

Professional Knowledge and Understanding	 Teaching and Learning Be able to use a range of teaching, learning a personalise learning 	and behaviour management strategies to	•	Letter of application Selection process References
	Assessment and Monitoring Be committed to the effective use of assessment for learning strategies Appreciate the importance of data in raising attainment	 Know the assessment requirements for the subjects to be taught Be confident in the use of data to raise attainment 		
	 Subjects and Curriculum Have excellent subject knowledge Have an awareness of the subject content of courses to be delivered 	 Relevant knowledge of the AQA specifications for GCSE and A-Level Literature. Be committed to providing cross- curricular learning opportunities for students 		
	Learning Skills Appreciate the importance of helping students to develop the skills necessary to become independent learners.	Have experience of developing learning sequences that support the development of skills		
	 Achievement and diversity Understand that student development is affected by a range of influences Be committed to considering these when planning and differentiating student learning Understand the need to work effectively with other colleagues who support students' learning 	Have experience of supporting others in adapting learning for students with additional needs		
	 Health and Well-being Be committed to fulfilling the role of tutor Be aware of national policies and guidance o 	n safeguarding children		
Professional Skills	Planning Have planned and delivered effective learning sequences Have adapted learning sequences based on prior learning of students Teaching	 Have experience of leading the development of schemes of work Have experience of course choices 	•	Letter of application Selection process References

	Be an outstanding classroom practitioner	Have supported others to develop excellent
	 Know how to motivate and engage 	classroom practice
	students in learning	
	Assessment, monitoring and giving feedback	
	Have used formative assessment to provide	
	feedback and set targets for students	 Have analysed student data in order to
	Have provided effective verbal and written	progress learning across or between key
	feedback to parents	stages
	Reviewing teaching and learning	
	Be a reflective practitioner who is	Have experience of self evaluation
	committed to regular self review	procedures
	Learning Environment	
	 Able to create a safe and purposeful 	Have experience of supporting others with
	environment for learning	behaviour management
	Able to manage behaviour effectively in	
	line with school systems	
	Team working and collaboration	
	Be able to work effectively as part of a	Have experience of building and leading an
	team	effective team
	Have a commitment to collaboration and	Have experience of leading collaborative
	co-operative working	working
Personal attributes	A passion for English and teaching	
	Excellent communication and interpersonal	
	skills	
	The ability to maintain a sense of	
	perspective and a sense of humour under	
	pressure	
	Good attendance and punctuality record	