**SHENLEY ACADEMY**

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

**EXPERIENCED LEAD PRACTITIONER OF ENGLISH**

Whether you’re a 3 year old in nursery learning to explore the world around you, an 18 year old preparing to go to university, a new teacher understanding the demands of the job, a Head Teacher leading the learning in your academy, a member of the regional team ensuring efficient and effective operations or a trustee scrutinising and challenging the CEO, we want every single person within E-ACT to be driven by three core values:

* We want everyone to ***think big*** for yourselves and for the world around you;
* We want everyone to ***do the right thing*** in everything you do, even when this means doing something that’s hard, not popular or takes a lot of time;
* We want everyone to show strong ***team spirit***, always supporting and driving your team forward

We really believe that if we all do the right thing, support our teams and we all think big, believe big, act big, then the results will be big too!

**This means that if you want to be part of E-ACT, you need to be able to embrace and embody these values in all that you do.**

**THINKING BIG**

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| Show energy, enthusiasm and passion for what you do |
| Demand the highest quality in all that you do, and in the work of your team |
| Willing to champion new ideas and think beyond the status quo |
| Show an ability to think creatively and ‘outside of the box’ in your area of expertise, continually seeking improvements in what you do to make the organisation better |
| Be open to new ideas and change where it will have a positive impact on the organisation  |
| Show a willingness to embrace different ideas and ways of thinking to improve E-ACT |
| Ability to ‘look outside’ – to continually learn about innovations in your field, new ways of doing things, and bring that learning into your work  |
| Commitment to self-development, and developing your wider team |
| Ability to self-reflect on yourself, your performance, and to think about how this could be improved further |
| Ability to encourage ideas from others in order to improve the organisation and build your team’s confidence  |

**DO THE RIGHT THING**

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| Have integrity and honesty in all that you do |
| Make decisions that are based on doing the right thing, even when this means that they’re unpopular or will lead to more work  |
| Take responsibility and ownership for your area of work |
| Have difficult conversations or deliver difficult messages if that’s what’s required to do the right thing by our pupils |
| Be transparent and open |
| Be resilient and trustworthy |
| Stand firm and stay true to our mission  |

**SHOW TEAM SPIRIT**

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| Understand how you can have a greater impact as a team than you can as an individual |
| Understand how you are part of your immediate team but also a much wider organisational team, in working towards our mission |
| Recognise that everyone is important within E-ACT, and show an ability to build strong working relationships at every level |
| Recognise and celebrate the success and achievements, no matter how small, of your colleagues |
| Be generous with sharing your knowledge to help to develop others |
| Understand and be willing to receive suggestions and input on your area of work from others |
| Support your colleagues, even when this means staying a little later, or re-prioritising some of your work |
| Be aware of other peoples’ needs and show an ability to offer genuine support |
| Show an awareness and respect for peoples’ differences, and recognise how different characteristics and personal strengths build dynamic and great teams |

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS KEY E –** Essential personal specification **D –** Desirable personal specification

**Personal Specification will be assessed at: A –** Application Stage **I –** Interview Stage **P –** During the probationary period

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|  | **E** | **D** |  | **A** | **I** | **P** |
| Qualified teacher status with specialisation in the teaching of English | √ |  |  | √ | √ |  |
| Ability to teach English to GCSE | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| Assessed as meeting the Lead Practitioner Standard specified in the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions document | √ |  |  | √ | √ |  |
| Experience of the successful management of secondary school classes |  | **√** |  | √ | √ | √ |
| Experience of reporting to parents | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| Ability to work as a member of a team | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| Ability to work under pressure | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| Good inter-personal skills | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| Ability to motivate secondary pupils | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| A clear philosophy about the teaching of English | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| Knowledge of a range of successful classroom strategies for motivating pupils to commit themselves to English. | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| Knowledge of the nature and purpose of a range of assessment strategies at KS3 and 4 including National Curriculum targets. | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| Knowledge of the range of approaches required to engage pupils of differing attainment levels | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| Experience of contributing to cross curricular projects | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| A commitment to comprehensive schools and to the values of Shenley Academy | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| A love of the subject and an enthusiasm for teaching | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| A commitment to learning – a genuine desire to continue learning oneself and a willingness to reflect upon and learn from experiences | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| Creative and imaginative | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| Personal integrity | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| Reliability and consistency | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| A sense of humour | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| Good personal organisation | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |
| An ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence through the medium of English’ or ‘The ability to converse at ease with parents/pupils and members of the public and provide advice in accurate spoken English is essential for the post | √ |  |  | √ | √ | √ |