

Head of Humanities: PERSON SPECIFICATION

AF – Application Form SP – Selection Process Ref – Reference

Specification	Essential/ Desirable	Method of Assessment
QUALIFICATIONS		
Degree or equivalent	Essential	AF
Qualified Teacher Status	Essential	AF
 A higher degree or management qualification 	Desirable	AF
Evidence of continual professional development	Desirable	AF
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE		
Outstanding teacher of Geography, History or RE	Essential	SP
 Substantial and successful experience in Middle Leadership of the school in the secondary sector with a clear record of improving learning and raising Humanity subject student achievement 	Essential	AF,SP &Ref
 Experience of and commitment to teaching in a comprehensive school 	Desirable	AF
 Experience of teaching and leadership in an 11-19 secondary school across all key stages 	Essential	AF
Teaching experience in more than one school	Desirable	AF
 Experience of contributing to whole school improvement including learning & teaching and raising student achievement 	Desirable	AF
 Knowledge of current education policy and legal issues relating to schools and governance for Humanities students 	Essential	SP
 Proven experience and success in leading improvement in behaviour management and a clear understanding of issues relating to inclusion 	Essential	AF, SP & Ref
 Knowledge and understanding of safeguarding issues 	Essential	SP
VISION & LEADERSHIP		
 Ability to lead, motivate, challenge and inspire staff and students 	Essential	AF,SP &Ref
 Ability to create, develop and realise an ambitious vision 	Essential	AF & SP
 Ability to identify, challenge and improve underperformance 	Essential	AF,SP &Ref
 Experience of contributing to Humanities and school self- evaluation and using the outcomes in future planning 	Desirable	AF & SP
 Ability to initiate and successfully implement change including raising achievement for Humanities students 	Essential	AF & SP
LEADING LEARNING & TEACHING	,	
 Ability to lead improvement and development in learning and teaching on a faculty or year group level 	Essential	AF, SP & Ref
 Ability to contribute to and lead improvement and development in Humanities learning and teaching on a whole 	Desirable	AF, SP & Ref



school level		
 Ability to promote an 11 – 19 curriculum which meets Humanities students' needs and national priorities 	Desirable	AF & SP
 Ability to use data to support learning, set targets and monitor and evaluate performance of Humanities students 	Essential	SP
 Success in improving behaviour and attendance of Humanities students 	Essential	AF & SP
 Experience in the use of new technologies to improve learning and teaching 	Desirable	AF & SP
MANAGING THE SCHOOL		
 Experience of effective staff management including distribution and delegation of leadership responsibilities 	Essential	AF & SP
 Ability to lead and manage data tracking, target setting and reporting for Humanities students 	Desirable	AF, SP & Ref
 Potential to contribute towards child protection and safeguarding 	Desirable	AF, SP & Ref
 Experience of performance management and continuing professional development of self and others 	Essential	SP
 Ability to empower and sustain effective teams 	Essential	AF & SP
 Ability to create and implement policy through consultation with students, parents and others 	Essential	AF & SP
 Experience of strategic financial planning, budgetary management and securing best value 	Desirable	AF & SP
WORKING WITH OTHERS		•
 Experience of leading and working successfully within a local school community 	Essential	SP
 Experience of involving parents and carers in their children's learning 	Essential	AF & SP
 Experience of working with governors, staff, Local Authority, outside agencies and the local community 	Desirable	AF & SP
PERSONAL QUALITIES		
 Enthusiasm, drive and a love for the job 	Essential	AF, SP & Ref
Clear vision and an innovative approach	Essential	AF, SP & Ref
 A passion for ensuring all aspects of school life demonstrate integrity and respect 	Essential	SP & Ref
 Commitment to a high profile presence in and around the school 	Essential	AF, SP & Ref
 Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written 	Essential	SP
 Ability to organise, plan and prioritise time effectively 	Essential	SP
Ability to act decisively	Essential	SP
Flexibility, adaptability and creativity	Essential	SP

Appointment will be subject to enhanced DBS, online search, qualifications and experience checks and satisfactory references.