

Person Specification

Job Title: Head of Department

Knowledge	Essential	Desirable
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 Raise Online 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	\checkmark	
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		\checkmark
Knowledge and understanding or marking criteria and using		✓
experience of this to support departmental colleagues		
Qualifications	<u>Essential</u>	Desirable
Degree in relevant subject	✓	
Qualified Teacher Status	✓	
Masters degree in relevant subject or Education / further study		✓
Evidence of involvement in relevant CPD		✓
Experience	Essential	Desirable
Experience of leading or supporting leadership of a department or	✓	
providing support to a school/department		
Successful experience of teaching at all key stages	\checkmark	
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		
Skills	Essential	Desirable

An outstanding classroom practitioner with a clear direction and	\checkmark	
vision for teaching and promoting the subject across the Academy		
Outstanding relationships with students and staff members which	\checkmark	
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:		\checkmark
KS4 intervention work		
Whole school programmes		
 Developing KS3 as a foundation for KS4 work 		