

## Person Specification

## Job Title: Head of Department

Knowledge	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
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>	<b>Desirable</b>
Degree in relevant subject	✓	
Qualified Teacher Status	✓	
Masters degree in relevant subject or Education / further study		✓
Evidence of involvement in relevant CPD		✓
Experience	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
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		
<ul> <li>Developing KS3 as a foundation for KS4 work</li> </ul>		