

Person Specification: AP Lead/SEMH Teacher		
	Essential A = application I = interview	Desirable A = application I = interview
Leadership	 → Experience teaching within the mainstream sector (A, I) → Ability to motivate learners (I) → Ability to use hard and soft data effectively to identify issues and demonstrate impact (A, I) → Ability to work under pressure, see things through to completion (I) → Ability to communicate with students, parents and carers about student progress and build positive relationships (I, A) 	 → Experience teaching at secondary or middle school level (A) → Experience in alternative settings (eg PRU, ARP) (A) → Evidence of multi-agency work and collaboration (A) or wider experience eg exam marking
Teaching & Learning	 → Excellent classroom practitioner (I) → Understanding of high quality teaching and learning (A, I) → Up to date awareness of evidence-based best practice and trends in teaching pedagogy; ability to lead on research informed practice (A, I) 	 → Experience of CPD delivery (A, I) → Instructional coaching experience (A, I)
Skills and knowledge	 → Relevant and recent SEMH based training (eg Thrive or PACE) (A,I) → Effective communication and interpersonal skills; ability to engage a wide variety of audiences and build effective working relationships (I) → The ability to be self-reflective (A, I) → Ability to use ICT effectively (A, I) → Ability to adapt teaching methods and materials to meet the diverse needs of students with SEMH difficulties including personalised → Experience of working with students who have complex learning needs and ability to meet the criteria outlined in a student's EHCP → Comprehensive understanding of social, emotional and mental health issues students may face including anxiety, depression and trauma. 	 → The ability to advocate for the needs of students with SEMH difficulties within and beyond the school community, including the ability to access appropriate resources and support services (A,I) → Training in crisis intervention/de-escalation techniques to respond effectively to acute emotional and/or behavioural outbursts (such as MAPA or Positive Handling) (A) → Ability to write and adapt support plans with reference to the the four areas of need outlined by the SEND Code of Practice (A, I)
Personal	→ Integrity, tact, discretion, warmth and a belief	→ Experience of working collaboratively



qualities	 in service to others (I) → Not motivated by ego, status or title (I) → Decisive, determined and self-confident without being arrogant (I) → Commitment to comprehensive and inclusive education (A, I) → Positive, enthusiastic and optimistic (I) → A sense of humour; resilience (I) → A team player (I) → Ability to work under pressure and prioritise → effectively whilst still maintaining an appropriate work/life balance; prioritising health and wellbeing in order to lead well (I) → Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times (I) → Commitment to the safeguarding, equality and welfare of all students (I) → The ability to be resilient and patient in order to work with students who exhibit challenging behaviours and have complex needs 	with other professionals, such as counsellors, psychologists and support staff in order to provide holistic support for the student (A, I)
Qualifications and general experience	 → UK Qualified Teacher Status (A) → Good honours degree (A) → A relevant postgraduate qualification (A) → Evidence of and a commitment to substantial and sustained professional development (A) → Knowledge and understanding of a wide range of strategies and initiatives to raise standards and achievement, at all key stages (A, I) → Enhanced DBS check clearance → Right to work in the UK 	→ Teaching experience in more than one school (A)