**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

**Assistant Headteacher (Behaviour, Attitudes, and Attendance)**

The Selection Panel will place a particular emphasis on the following key competencies, all of which will underpin the recruitment process:

* high expectations of self and others
* clear strategic thinking
* skilful communication according to audience
* partnership working
* adhering to principles and values
* decision making/risk taking

The Selection Panel will be looking for evidence that the candidate has demonstrated their ability to fulfil the following criteria:

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| **QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING** | **Essential or desirable\* on appointment**  | **Assessment method*** **Application form**
* **Interview**
* **Tasks**
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| Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).  | **E** | **A** |
| Relevant degree or equivalent qualification.  | **E** | **A** |
| Evidence of continued professional development E.g. NPQ’s. Leadership Pathways.  | **E** | **A/I** |
| DSL trained | **D** | **A** |
| **EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS** |  |  |
| Commitment to promote and model the Christian vision that underpins the St. Aidan’s School Church of England foundation. | **E** | **I** |
| Proven track record of successful teaching across different age groups.  | **E** | **A/I** |
| Significant experience in a leadership or management role within a school setting.  | **D** | **A/I** |
| Successful experience of leading whole-school initiatives related to behaviour, attendance, or pastoral care.  | **E** | **A/I** |
| Experience in working collaboratively with parents, staff, and external agencies.  | **E** | **A/I** |
| Demonstrable impact in improving behaviour standards and reducing exclusions.  | **E** | **A/I/T** |
| Knowledge and experience of using data to track progress and inform interventions.  | **E** | **A/I/T** |
| Experience in a leadership role, such as Year Group Lead, Head of Department, or Pastoral Lead.  | **E** | **A/I** |
| Experience in analysing data to inform behaviour strategies.  | **E** | **A/I/T** |
| Experience of working in a diverse school community.  | **D** | **A/I** |
| Deep understanding of behaviour management strategies and the underlying principles of positive behaviour support.  | **E** | **A/I/T** |
| Knowledge of statutory safeguarding and child protection requirements.  | **E** | **A/I/T** |
| Understanding of how behaviour and attendance impact on student progress and well-being.  | **E** | **A/I** |
| Awareness of the role of inclusivity in behaviour management, including supporting students with SEND and SEMH needs.  | **E** | **I** |
| Familiarity with trauma-informed approaches or other evidence-based behavioural interventions.  | **D** | **A/I** |
| Knowledge of current educational policies, particularly those relating to behaviour, exclusions, and attendance.  | **E** | **A/I** |
| Strong leadership and team-building skills with the ability to inspire and motivate others.  | **E** | **A/I** |
| Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to work effectively with students, staff, parents, and external agencies.  | **E** | **A/I/T** |
| Ability to analyse data to evaluate the impact of behaviour interventions and plan future actions.  | **E** | **A/I** |
| High level of emotional intelligence and ability to handle challenging situations calmly and effectively.  | **E** | **I** |
| Strong organisational skills, with the ability to manage priorities and meet deadlines.  | **E** | **I** |
| Ability to deliver high-quality CPD for staff related to behaviour management, attendance, and pastoral priorities.  | **E** | **I** |
| Ability to organise staff and implement whole-school systems such as duty rota’s, emergency evacuation etc.. | **E** | **A/I** |
| Competence in using school management systems (e.g., Arbor, CPOMS) for tracking and reporting behaviour incidents.  | **E** | **I** |
| Strong leadership and team-building skills with the ability to inspire and motivate others.  | **E** | **I** |
| Integrity, accountability, and a commitment to the school’s vision and values.  | **E** | **I** |
| Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all students.  | **E** | **A/I** |
| Ability to work flexible hours as required to fulfil the demands of the role  | **E** | **I** |
| A reflective practitioner committed and willing to invest in ongoing personal and professional growth.  | **E** | **A/I** |

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