Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

Person Specification – Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral: Behaviour and Inclusion)



The list below is not exhaustive, nor is it essential for candidates to have extensive experience in all aspects. We are looking for the right person who has the drive and ambition to help shape the future of our school.

Qualifications / Education / Training

Degree level education

Qualified Teacher Status

Evidence of a commitment to continued professional development so as to sustain up-to-date knowledge and understanding of educational developments

Evidence of continued and relevant professional development in school leadership and management

Designated Safeguarding Lead training

Looked After Children training

Experience

Proven successful experience in a senior leadership post for 3 or more years in a secondary school Experience of pastoral leadership including building relationships with students and parents, in particular vulnerable students and families.

Implementing and encouraging strong pastoral and safeguarding practices within a team, ideally as a DSL or DDSL.

Experience of student monitoring systems, e.g. CPOMS.

Successful record of implementing strategies that have had a positive impact on the quality of inclusion, behaviour, welfare and safeguarding in a school

Experience of developing and implementing successful strategies for raising attendance and tackling persistent absence

Proven consistent, highly effective teaching in the secondary classroom with a track record of excellent results

Proven track record of efficient and timely management of workload and a flexible approach to crisis management and change

Proven track record of analysis, evaluation and communication of pupil data to ensure positive outcomes

Proven track record of successfully creating teams and managing their performance

Knowledge

Comprehensive understanding both of national performance measures for schools and the OFSTED framework for inspections

Knowledge of legislation and guidance on safeguarding and working with young people, including knowledge of the responsibilities of schools and other agencies.

Successful and proven track record of innovation and leading change with a demonstrable impact on school improvement

Evidence of current knowledge and understanding of local, national and global education developments

Understanding of data and ability to use it effectively to enhance pupil performance Knowledge and understanding of behaviour strategies and their impact

Leadership and Collaboration

Able to embrace, communicate and implement a coherent vision for the school in partnership with all stakeholders

Evidence of a drive to encourage and pursue excellence in all aspects of school life and a clear sense of what strategies might be effective for achieving this

Proven ability to lead by example and create a shared commitment and responsibility to the school through teamwork, distributed leadership and professional reflection

Proven ability to build a culture where pupils feel confident that their concerns will be listened to and acted upon

Proven ability to lead and adapt to change, able to assess new ideas and implement them if they improve pupils' learning

Ability to encourage parents/carers to play their part in their child's learning (both in and out of school)

Ability to work productively with the governing body and an understanding of its statutory duties Proven experience of getting the best out of others

Ability to commit to the principles of equality and diversity

Skills & Competencies

Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, both orally and in writing

Excellent organisational skills

Ability to process and interpret information

Demonstrate a high level of competence in using ICT

Ability to cope with periods of pressure and prioritise workload accordingly, meeting deadlines whilst maintaining a sense of humour and proportion

Ability to work flexibly and share workloads, particularly during periods of pressure

Team player

Ability to negotiate and problem solve

Accuracy and reliability

Ability to work well with a wide range of people, including pupils, staff, parents/carers and governors (including when presented with challenging behaviours)

Strong role model for pupils

Awareness and commitment to the school's equal opportunities policy

Personal Attributes

Evidence of clear values and moral purpose which places pupils at the heart of all decisions A passion for helping young people develop and learn

Personal commitment to the school values, aims and ethos and a willingness to actively engage in the school community

Excellent interpersonal skills

Ability to hold challenging conversations that achieve productive outcomes

Commitment to a curriculum that is creative and relevant to the interests and needs of all pupils, including their well-being

Absolute commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of pupils

Proven record of being transparent and accountable to parents/carers, governors, relevant external bodies and the local community

Self motivated - ability to work on own to achieve successful outcomes Have energy, commitment and attention to detail Ability to make decisions and use own initiative Creative, innovative and open to ideas Prepared to learn new skills Positive outlook based on good humour and enthusiasm Sense of proportion and ability to balance work and home life Commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion. Preparedness to work outside of the school hours where necessary (e.g results days, support for activities such as revision or summer school and other events).

All employees are expected to be familiar with and subscribe fully to the school's Code of Conduct – this includes signing an ICT acceptable use agreement.