

Person Specification

Finance Assistant

	Essential	Desirable	How identified
Qualifications	 Excellent literacy and numeracy skills 	Relevant financial or school office experience	Application/interview
Experience	 Experience of producing information clearly in a way that can be understood by others Experience of reviewing data for errors and discrepancies Experience of undertaking administration/clerical tasks Experience of team-working to work effectively with others and meet deadlines and goals 	 Experience of using computerised packages for financial administration, specifically trained to standard user level in Microsoft excel functions Experience of working in an accounts or procurement function Experience of working in an academy or other educational setting 	Application/interview
Skills and abilities	 Excellent communication skills delivering professional, polite, courteous and efficient customer services Ability to interpret information to solve problems and make recommendations for action Organisational skills to work under pressure to complete tasks to potential conflicting deadlines, which can involve reprioritising own work Ability to be methodical and thorough to ensure work is accurate Initiative to respond to unexpected problems, using recognised policies and procedures as a guide 		Application/interview
Knowledge	• Understanding of why safeguarding is important when working with children and young people.	 Knowledge of relevant financial best practice and legal requirement appropriate to the role, including VAT, tac, auditing and credit control Understanding the financial framework and regulations that an academy is required to operate Knowledge of financial procedures associated with being an academy, a charity and associated accounting frameworks 	Application/interview
You must also	 Have a positive 'can-do' approach to work Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children A commitment to promote and support the school's ethos for staff wellbeing for staff and students. 		