

## Person Specification – Head of Languages

Category	Essential	Desirable	Method of
			Assessment
Physical	Smart business-like appearance		Application Form
Qualifications	<ul> <li>Graduate</li> <li>Qualified Teacher Status</li> <li>Evidence of appropriate CPD related to teaching and learning.</li> </ul>	•	Application Form and Interview
Experience	•	•	Application Form and Interview
Training	<ul> <li>Willing to participate fully in all relevant training, including training to support the postholder in their safeguarding responsibilities.</li> </ul>	•	Application Form and Interview.
Special Knowledge	<ul> <li>Good knowledge of the national curriculum for Languages and relevant schemes of work</li> <li>Ability to use and understand assessment data</li> <li>Familiar with effective learner progress intervention strategies</li> <li>Good knowledge of the national strategy for secondary education</li> <li>Good understanding of how to develop skills and attributes in students</li> <li>Good understanding of the assessment processes at KS3 and KS4 and how to use these to support planning and raise student attainment</li> <li>Good knowledge of a wide range of pedagogic approaches to cater for different learning styles and ensure that all students are engaged</li> <li>Good knowledge and understanding of strategies for promoting good relationships with students and effective behaviour management techniques</li> <li>Excellent understanding of what constitutes effective teaching and learning</li> <li>Familiarity with the new Ofsted Framework.</li> </ul>	•	

Circumstances	•	•
Teaching and Learning	<ul> <li>Commitment to raising achievement across both key stages</li> <li>Evidence of successful lesson planning, delivery and evaluation</li> <li>Development in colleagues of a range of teaching and learning styles</li> <li>Excellent classroom teacher</li> <li>Sets high expectations of all students</li> <li>Ability to create an effective learning environment.</li> </ul>	•
Disposition	<ul> <li>The capacity to consistently perform to a high level of success and act as a role model for other professionals</li> <li>Ability to engage, motivate, enthuse and support colleagues</li> <li>Self motivated with an ability to use own initiative</li> <li>Well developed interpersonal and social skills</li> <li>A passion for education and making a difference</li> <li>Ability to meet deadlines</li> <li>Enthusiastic and always positive</li> <li>Practice leadership at all levels</li> <li>Inspire others through working in teams</li> <li>Use critical thinking, creativity and imagination.</li> <li>Able and willing to scrutinise own practice and to make their practice accessible to others.</li> <li>Believe they can improve on their previous best.</li> <li>Commitment to safeguarding.</li> </ul>	Charismatic and inspirational Good sense of humour.  Charismatic and inspirational Good sense of humour.
Practical and Intellectual Skills	<ul> <li>Commitment to safeguarding children and young people.</li> <li>Proven track record of raising and maintaining high educational standards</li> <li>Successful experience of teaching students of all abilities</li> <li>Excellent communication skills orally and written</li> <li>Excellent use of ICT to make learning engaging and dynamic and to support assessment and management functions</li> <li>The capacity to make decisions based on sound judgements</li> <li>The capacity to form positive learning-centred relationships with other professionals at different stages in their careers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Experience of preparing and leading training sessions</li> <li>Experience of training/mentoring/coaching other staff so that their classroom practice develops</li> <li>Experience of leadership roles within a team including design and development of resources to support learning</li> <li>Evidence of innovative practice</li> <li>Ability to teach to A Level.</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Successful experience of coaching staff to raise performance</li> <li>Successful experience of working with other departments to improve performance</li> <li>Skilled in using tracking data to plan and implement successful intervention.</li> </ul>
Legal Requirements	<ul> <li>Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Check confirming the appointee is not on the Children's Barred list.</li> <li>This post is covered by Part 7 of the Immigration Act (2016) and therefore the ability to speak fluent English is an essential requirement for the role.</li> <li>Inline with the latest KCSIE guidance an online check will be carried out for all shortlisted applicants</li> </ul>

Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment.