



Harrogate High School Person Specification Learning Director of English

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Experience		
Successful teaching experience of English KS3 and KS4	√	
Proven track record of at least good teaching in subject area	√	
Successful teaching experience of English A Level		✓
A confident teacher who has a strong rapport with students of all abilities	√	
Qualifications		
Good honours graduate in English (preferably 2:1 or first class graduate)	√	
Qualified Teacher Status	√	
Masters Degree in relevant subject or further educational studies		✓
Strong evidence of continued professional development		✓
Specialist Knowledge		
Passionate about the learning and achievement of all students	√	
Strong understanding of the English curriculum at all key stages of learning	√	
Good understanding of school improvement as a whole	√	
Strong commitment to the partnership between education, parents, and the		
relationship with the wider community	✓	
Up to date knowledge of examination specifications and ability to use that		
knowledge to drive assessment and examination preparation.	✓	
Specialist Skills	·	
The ability to apply English concepts and ideas in an engaging manner in order to		
maximise the learning and progress of our highly able students (ages 11-19)	✓	
An outstanding practitioner in the subject with a clear direction and vision for		
teaching and promoting the subject across the curriculum	✓	
Department/team development and improvement planning	√	
Be able to demonstrate a proven track record of effective behaviour management	√	
strategies		
Able to build and maintain honest and respectful relationships with students and		
staff which promote excellence in behaviours and achievement across the school	✓	
Support, motivate and inspire colleagues and students by leading through example	√	
Able to work in a flexible, reflective, and measured manner at all times	✓	
Consistently work to deadlines	✓	
Excellent communication and interpersonal skills	✓	
Other		
Have an acceptance of, and a strong commitment to, Northern Star Academies Trust		
Policies in relation to equality and safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all	✓	
children, young people, and vulnerable adults		
Able to speak in fluent English (in accordance with The Immigration Act October		
2016)	✓	















