SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY - SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND INCLUSION DEPARTMENT PERSON SPECIFICATION FOR LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT Level 1

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications	 GCSE English or equivalent at grade C or above. GCSE Mathematics or equivalent at grade C or above. 	 Appropriate qualification for Learning Support assistants or teaching assistants (NVQ or CACHE)
Skills	 Effective interpersonal skills Excellent communication skills Effective IT skills Effective Team Player 	 A confidence in a secondary curriculum related speciality - e.g. IT, Science An interest in performing arts
Experience	 Experience of working in a Secondary School Experience of working with school age children for at least one year Special Educational Need and Inclusion experience within a mainstream school 	 Experience of working with children with behavioural, social and/or emotional difficulties, ASD, or Speech language and communication difficulties Ability to speak another language and work with small groups of pupils Working with pupils who have English as an additional language
Qualitiy	 Sympathetic with and supportive of the Catholic ethos of the school Adaptable Professional Empathetic Able to work under pressure Firmness balanced with fairness Energetic Enthusiastic Patient Innovative Sense of humour 	