PERSON SPECIFICATION

POST: Support Assistant –Level 3

NORTH GOSFORTH ACADEMY



FACTOR	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE	MEANS OF ASSESSMENT
1 SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND APTITUDES	 Effective oral and written communication skills. Effective organisation and management skills. Sympathetic understanding of the broad needs of students. Ability to maintain paper or electronic information system. Ability to converse at ease with pupils and provide advice in fluent and accurate spoken English 	Knowledge of the requirement of the National Curriculum. Knowledge of the wide range of agencies working in the areas of learner support.	Application form. Interview. References.
2 QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING	Good general education, usually to NVCQ2, 5*-C or equivalent	NVQ 2 or 3 for Teaching Assistants or equivalent qualification or experience	Application form. Interview. References. Sight of original certificates.
3 EXPERIENCE	 At least one year of experience of effective working with young people Experience of supporting young people for their intimate care needs. Able to respond positively and effectively to unexpected problems and situations 	 Experience of working in a school environment. Experience of providing learning support to students 	Application form. Interview. References.
4 DISPOSITION	 Ability to advise and monitor development and performance. Able to form effective professional relationships with a wide range of contacts. Empathy with young people facing barriers to their learning. Able to plan own workload and meet deadlines. Able to work under own initiative. Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with students 		Interview.
5 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS	Satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure with the Disclosure and Barring Service Occupational Health clearance	Ability to drive (full driving licence).	Application form. Interview. References. Police clearance form. Medical history form.