

The Matthew Arnold School



Person Specification Subject Teacher

Essential

- Dynamic classroom teacher and team leader
- Stamina and absolute determination to achieve personal and institutional success
- Firm, fair, caring, consistent and non-confrontational approach with students
- Excellent organisational and administrative skills
- Good at meeting deadlines
- Skillful communicator able to manage change and staff successfully
- Capacity to work under pressure, to show initiative and to successfully deal with a demanding workload
- Ability to work as a member of a team and with a sense of humour.

Desirable Competencies

The successful candidate is likely to demonstrate all or most of the following:

- A commitment to the student, to enable all students to be successful; a willingness to challenge others in the student's best interest
- Empathy with, and keenness to contribute to, the aims of the school
- An ability to set clear expectations, to demand high standards and to hold others accountable for their performance
- Ability to teach and assess to high standards, using assessment to inform and improve learning
- A constant drive for improvement
- An ability to think creatively
- An ability to provide clear direction to students, to motivate and inspire them
- Initiative, including an ability to anticipate and pre-empt events
- Respect for others, valuing individuals
- The ability to understand others and create trust
- A shared approach to problem-solving and to achieving goals
- Effective communication skills for a range of purposes
- A willingness to adapt to changing needs and circumstances
- Energy, optimism and motivation in the face of pressure and setbacks
- Keenness to develop own career
- An excellent record of attendance and punctuality.

Qualifications and Training

- Good honours degree
- Qualified Teacher Status
- Systematic and relevant professional development.

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Knowledge, Experience and Skills

- Very good classroom skills
- Very good leadership skills
- Strong subject knowledge
- Monitoring and evaluating teaching and learning
- Curriculum and staff development initiatives
- Working directly with parents and external agencies
- Confident ICT user
- Current education trends and initiatives.