**Job Description**

**Job Title:** Teacher of English

**Reporting to:** Head of English

**Contract Terms:** Fixed Term – for 12months

**Scale:** MPS/UPS

**Role Purpose:** The primary purpose of the Teacher of English is to ensure that the standard of teaching and learning in all areas within their remit and responsibility is of the highest quality for all students so that they are able to achieve to the best of their ability.

**Role Task:**

To create a curriculum that inspires students to become effective lifelong learners by:

* Ensuring high standards of teaching and learning for all students within a broad, balanced, relevant curriculum in KS4.
* Monitor and support the overall progress and the development of pupils which provides all pupils with the opportunity to achieve their individual potential.
* To raise standards of pupil attainment and supporting a team approach to raising the quality of teaching and learning throughout school.
* Monitoring and evaluating the quality of learning including planning, lesson delivery, teacher feedback, assessment, differentiation and classroom management.
* Being an advocate and enthusiastic user of the school’s information.
* To share and support the school’s responsibility to provide and monitor opportunities for personal and academic growth.

**Teaching:**

* To quality assure the learning and teaching of students according to their educational needs, including the setting and marking of work to be carried out.
* Assess, record and report on the attendance, progress, development and attainment of students and to keep such records as required.
* To provide, or contribute to, oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual students and groups of students.
* Maintain discipline in accordance with the school’s procedures, and to encourage good practice with regard to punctuality, behaviour, standards of work and homework.

**Student Care:**

To provide a secure and safe learning environment for all students so that they develop into self-confident and self-motivated learners by:

* Contributing to the delivery of the ‘Every Child Matters’ outcomes.
* Contributing to assemblies in a way which support the schools ethos.
* Maintaining the highest standards of student behaviour so that all students are able to learn effectively.
* Provide a proactive presence around the school embodying the school’s high expectations to students and staff.
* Ensuring productive communication with parents so that they remain well informed about their children’s progress and achievements as well as any incidents of poor behaviour.
* To uphold and actively support the school’s policies and procedures on the safeguarding of young people.
* To work openly within the framework of best practice identified in the school safeguarding policy.
* To report any concerns regarding pupil safety or staff working practices to the designated CP officer(s).
* To keep up to date with local and national CP training and training requirements.

**Assessment:**

To set challenging targets for all students and staff, and provide the support, guidance and accountability framework necessary to achieve these targets by:

* Devising and implementing subject area student assessment systems which enable student underachievement to be identified and acted upon at an early stage.
* Coordinating effective intervention strategies which support students so that they make the progress that is expected of them.
* Identifying excellent practice within the subject area and coordinating the sharing of practice through a planned and systematic timetable of observations, collaborative planning and team teaching.
* To have oversight of all accredited courses within the faculty. Ensuring that entries, coursework and moderation etc are planned strategically.

**Staff Development:**

* To fully participate in the school Performance for staff within the curriculum area.
* Continue personal development in the relevant areas including subject knowledge and teaching methods.
* Engage actively in the Performance Management Review Process.
* To ensure the effective/efficient deployment of classroom support.

**General:**

* To develop excellent working relationships with colleagues internally, centrally and externally.
* To adhere to School Safeguarding Policy.
* To uphold the school policies and procedures at all times.
* Be aware and comply with policies and procedures relating to Safeguarding, child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to the appropriate person.
* Participate in training and other learning activities as required.
* Participate in the school’s Performance Management process.
* To represent the school at events as appropriate.
* To undertake any other duties and responsibilities as required that are covered by the general scope of the post.

**Person Specification for Teacher of English**

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| **Essential Criteria** | **Desirable Criteria** | **Evidence** |
| **Qualifications:**  A relevant qualification for teaching of English to GCSE  Qualified Teacher Status, with subject Specialism(s) related to the Learning Area  Ability to teach across the full 11-16 age and ability range | Further professional qualifications  Appropriate in service training / CPD according to experience | Application form |
| **Working Experience:**  Experience in working with Key Stage 4  A track record of success in learning and teaching English, according to experience  Involvement in the monitoring of progress and attainment at student and class level  Experience in developing learning and teaching in an inclusive environment  Experience in monitoring and developing the academic and personal progress of individual students as a tutor | Experience in developing learning and teaching in a multi-cultural environment  Involvement in curriculum initiatives and extra-curricular developments  Successful Post-16 experience | Application Form  Interview  Lesson Observation |
| **Skills & Knowledge:**  Professional knowledge and understanding of one or more subjects within the Learning Area  Ability to articulate characteristics of effective teaching and learning with evidence of good practice  Good classroom management technique  Knowledge and understanding of effective assessment and its contribution to learning and progression  Knowledge of strategies related to key issues in education e.g. gender issues, equal opportunities, SEN  Abilities to contribute to Programmes of Study / Lesson Plans  Knowledge and use of ICT and e-learning | Knowledge and understanding of current Teaching and Learning issues relevant to the needs of the school  Able to express a vision for subject development  Ability to contribute to the SMSC / Citizenship programme  Involvement in extended curricular provision  Good ICT skills and an awareness of its potential | Application Form  Interview  Lesson Observation |
| **Personal Qualities:**  Commitment to an ethos of high standards, personal fulfilment and academic success  A capacity to inspire through a love of teaching  Ability to relate to the whole community  Energy, stamina and determination  A record of good health and attendance | Involved in educational developments beyond what is required  Self-confidence, personal impact and presence  Eager to acquire further skills and career enhancement | Application Form  Interview  Lesson Observation |
| **Management Skills:**  An ability to establish positive and sensitive interpersonal relationship across the community  An ability to plan time effectively and meet deadlines  An ability to be a team player | An awareness of whole school issues  An understanding of accountability  Experience of Self Evaluation | Application Form  Interview |