Person Specification





ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PERSONAL QUALITIES	
	A good Honours Degree and teaching qualification.
	Experience in a senior leadership role is preferred.
	 Evidence of substantial and wide ranging CPD.
	 Relevant experience of middle management with appreciation of and/or experience of whole school issues.
	 A commitment to the inclusive ethos of Colchester Academy and a total commitment to the academic advancement of all students regardless of their ability.
	Outstanding classroom teaching skills.
	Excellent ICT skills.
	Excellent oral and written communication skills.
	Total commitment to safeguarding children and young people.
	 Strategic vision to forward an innovative curriculum within the school.
	 The capacity to lead by example, to inspire others and to work as part of a team.
	 Ability to develop good relations with staff, pupils, parents and governors.
	 Be proactive in analysing situations and problems and suggest workable solutions which at times may involve compromise.
	Excellent administrative and organisational skills.
	 A willingness to play a full part in the life of a busy and vibrant school.
	A good sense of humour.
	Ability to maintain stamina with a smile.

• Demonstrate eminent flexibility.

- Demonstrate empathy and firmness as needs arise.
- Demonstrate discreet professionalism and corporate responsibility at all times.
- Be willing to go the extra mile.
- Be proactive and creative with an eye for detail.
- Be energetic, enthusiastic and positive.

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

- To give leadership to Colchester Academy's Vision as part of a dynamic and creative STL.
- Provision of the opportunities for all pupils, absolutely regardless of ability, to play a full part in all aspects of school life.
- To present a cohesive and united front within the staffroom and among the parent body, promoting at all times an ethos of corporate responsibility and shared values.
- Keeping abreast of wider developments in the curriculum through attendance at courses and conferences and membership of appropriate national bodies.

STAFFING MANAGEMENT AND TASKS

- Line manager for selected Heads of Department.
- Assist with the appointment of staff.
- Assist in the Annual Professional Review of Staff as a Reviewer.
- Take an active role in the regular programme of internal departmental inspections.
- Act as a liaison officer for staff as the need arises.
- Be present and take an active part in the GCSE results days in August.
- Share responsibility for running the Academy during major school holidays together with other members of the SLT.
- Keep on top of routine day to day administration.
- Be a positive influence around the Academy.
- Be a positive and active contributor in meetings.

ADMINISTRATION	
	 To be sufficiently well organised to ensure that you are seen as a useful role model of effective administration and are perceived as efficient and thorough.
	 To ensure that any contact with parents is professional, effective and prompt.
	 Contribute to the upkeep of the whole school handbook and policy documents.
	 Ensure that all publications are prepared to the highest standards.