

## Person Specification Finance Assistant

Qualifications & Experience	Essential	Desirable
Good general education, with GCSEs or equivalent in English and Maths		✓
Experience in administering financial management: purchase ledger; sales ledger; charge card and on-line cash collection systems	✓	
Experience in using IT systems including excel, dedicated finance management packages and management information systems	✓	
Knowledge and clear understanding of VAT in the sector		✓
Experience in the ability to embrace and embed new systems and procedures		<b>√</b>
Experience of preparing financial related reports for managers		✓
<ul> <li>Knowledge and experience of working within academy and statutory financial regulations</li> </ul>	<b>✓</b>	
Experience of working in a busy public sector organisation		✓
Skills & Knowledge	Essential	Desirable
Excellent time management skills and the ability to remain calm and focused under pressure	✓	
<ul> <li>Excellent organisational skills; able to handle multiple tasks and meet deadlines</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul> <li>General knowledge and experience of using IT including Microsoft, financial and budgeting packages such as Excel, Word, Outlook, PS Financials and HCSS</li> </ul>	<b>✓</b>	
Excellent communication skills, including high standards of written communication, grammar and spelling		<b>√</b>
Ability to solve problems with a forward thinking and committed approach	<b>✓</b>	
Ability to produce clear and well-formatted documents		✓
Ability to work with tact and diplomacy and maintain confidentiality	<b>✓</b>	
Thoroughness and excellent attention to detail	✓	
Ability to work under pressure	✓	



Ability to take responsibility for work, prioritising and scheduling in order to meet deadlines	<b>✓</b>	
Willingness to develop professionally, maintain up to date knowledge relevant to the role and attend courses as required	✓	
Personal	Essential	Desirable
High standards of professionalism and confidentiality	✓	
Highly motivated with the ability to work to tight deadlines and under pressure	<b>✓</b>	
<ul> <li>An approachable team player who is willing to go beyond their own responsibilities to help others at busy times</li> </ul>	<b>✓</b>	
Common sense, co-operation and positive approach	✓	
Adaptable, open to change and willing to take on challenges with enthusiasm	<b>✓</b>	
Self-motivated and able to take the initiative	✓	

**GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS**