**Head of Psychology**

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| **KEY COMPETENCIES** | | |
|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| **Education and Qualifications** | * Relevant degree * Qualified Teacher Status * Committed to continuing personal and professional development | A higher or further degree |
| **Experience and Knowledge** | * Excellent subject knowledge * Experience of teaching A Level Psychology * Evidence of experience and inspiring delivery as a classroom teacher, able to adapt to the needs of different learners * Knowledgeable about issues concerning the teaching of Psychology * Experience of writing schemes of work | An experienced classroom practitioner  A willingness to teach a wide range of year groups  Experience as Head of Department |
| **Skills and Abilities** | * Committed to the highest standards of professional behaviour and, at all times, to promoting the welfare and safeguarding of children * Outstanding classroom teacher able to motivate and engage A Level students * Able to work accurately and calmly and demonstrate resilience, particularly when under pressure * Ability to initiate and implement ideas * Computer literate * Good planning/organisational skills * Ability to communicate effectively with colleagues, students and parents * Able to develop positive relationships * Act at all times as an ambassador for the school * Be willing and able to contribute to and support the wider extracurricular and pastoral life of the school |  |
| **Personal Competencies and Qualities** | * Evidence of a proactive approach * Evidence of keeping up to date with subject developments * Enthusiasm and drive * Excellent interpersonal skills, with a flexible, friendly and professional approach * Confident and able to deal with difficult situations in a calm manner * Sense of humour * A team player, willing to adopt a collaborative approach to problem solving |  |