

Person Specification – School Librarian

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications and experience.	Educated to GCSE or equivalent to Grade C (or above) in English Language and Mathematics Knowledge or working practice in the education sector. Awareness of the importance of data protection, confidentiality and safeguarding. Experience working with young people in a school or college. Experience of successfully building rapport and developing relationships with others.	Further/higher education or library qualifications. Use of school MIS system ideally SIMS. An understanding that barriers to learning exist and can be removed. Previous experience in a similar role.
Knowledge, skills and abilities	Knowledge of policies, procedures and practices for library management. Knowledge, understanding and competence in Microsoft Office365 and library management systems. Health and safety issues as they relate to this particular environment. Good organisational skills and the ability to prioritise own workload. Good communication skills with staff, students and other users of the school library. Ability to analyse the needs of library users and secure appropriate resources to meet those needs. Creativity in making the library an attractive place for students, supporting literacy and developing the research capabilities of students. Behaviour management skills. Ability to lead on the maintenance and control of library stock. Safeguarding requirements for working with children. Excellent written and oral communication, including the	Understanding of managing a budget. An awareness of current educational practice and policy. Knowledge and understanding of academic research in relation to libraries within secondary educational environments. Confidence with audio/visual equipment Understanding of the English secondary curriculum Understanding of the public examination system.

	accurate use of English grammar, punctuation and syntax.	
Personal Qualities and Attributes	Flexibility and adaptability. Self-confidence and the ability to deal with difficult situations. Willingness to take the initiative. Positive outlook. Commitment to further training and development. A genuine commitment to improving the quality of provision for students in our academy. Willingness to represent the academy.	