	Essential	Desirable	Method of assessment
Qualifications	A good first degree in a relevant discipline.  PGCE or other suitable teaching qualification	Further subject-related qualifications	Production of the Applicant's certificates
Experience	Recent experience of teaching GCSE.  Excellent track record of securing outstanding results  A record of continuous professional development in the subject	Experience of contributing to whole school INSET  Experience of managing budgets  Involvement in the marking of GCSE examination scripts for a recognised awarding body	Contents of the Application Form Interview process Professional references
Knowledge and Skills	Excellent teaching skills  An ability to oversee both the curriculum development and delivery of the courses offered by the department  An ability to critically evaluate assessment data to devise, implement and assess strategically informed initiatives / interventions  An ability to include others and develop a collaborative team ethos  An ability to devise, monitor, evaluate and review policies and systems  An ability to take a leading role in developing policies	Awareness of equal opportunities issues and how they can be tackled through teaching and learning strategies and other SEN provision	Contents of the Application Form Interview process Professional references

	An ability to disseminate good teaching and learning practice within the department  Strong administrative and organisational skills  Excellent knowledge GCSE specifications and curriculum initiatives  An awareness of likely developments affecting the delivery of the subject at Key Stage 4 and post-16 levels		
Personal competencies and qualities	A genuine passion for the subject and a desire to communicate this  Patience and perseverance  A commitment to overcoming barriers to learning  An ability to inspire confidence  An ability to strike a good rapport with staff, parents and students  Being a positive role model for both staff and students.	An interest in contributing to the whole life of the school  An ambition for future career progression toward Senior Leadership.	Contents of the Application Form Interview process Professional references