

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

<b>JOB TITLE</b>	Head of Computer Science
<b>DEPARTMENT/SECTION</b>	Computer Science

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An excellent degree in Computer Science (or cognate subject) from a recognised university.</li> <li>• A postgraduate teaching or leadership qualification.</li> <li>• PGCE or recognised teaching qualification</li> </ul>	√	√ √
<b>EXPERIENCE:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of leading a Computer Science department.</li> <li>• Experience in teaching Computer Science across the age range</li> <li>• Experience of teaching Computer Science at A-Level (Forest teaches the AQA course)</li> <li>• Experience of teaching Computer Science at GCSE (Forest teaches the OCR course)</li> <li>• Experience of preparing students to access Computer Science (and cognate) courses at elite universities including Oxbridge.</li> <li>• Proven record of developing schemes of work and of raising attainment</li> <li>• Ability to effectively plan for, teach and assess pupil progress in Computer Science.</li> <li>• Proven leadership and people management skill</li> <li>• Working in partnership with parents</li> </ul>	√ √ √ √ √ √ √ √	√   √ √
<b>KNOWLEDGE &amp; SKILLS:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A strong interest in, and knowledge of the latest pedagogy</li> <li>• An awareness of current trends and challenges in teaching Computer Science</li> <li>• Strong organisation skills</li> <li>• Ability to use a range of teaching strategies to enthuse the full range of abilities</li> <li>• Ability to communicate with pupils in a lively and enthusiastic manner</li> <li>• Excellent classroom practitioner</li> <li>• Good time management and organisation skills</li> </ul>	√ √ √ √ √ √ √	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent communication skills</li> </ul>	√	
<b>APTITUDES:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commitment to improve teaching and learning, and continued professional development</li> <li>• Ability to work well as part of a team, and to build trust and openness</li> <li>• Discretion, courtesy, honesty and integrity</li> <li>• Reliable, punctual, diligent and well-organised</li> <li>• Open-minded and forward thinking approach to the positive use of technology in education.</li> <li>• Passion, Enthusiasm, and ability to motivate and inspire students</li> <li>• Commitment to safeguarding and the welfare of students</li> <li>• Willingness to be involved in the wider life of the school</li> </ul>	√ √ √ √ √ √ √	