Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Knowledge	 Knowledge of the teaching standards relating to school leadership Knowledge of how to inspire, support and maintain an effective teaching team Knowledge of learning difficulties and disabilities and an in depth understanding of the effects on learning Knowledge of assessment and practise Knowledge of ASD teaching strategies Effective knowledge of strategies that maintain a learning environment with high standards of behaviour and conduct Knowledge of effective inclusion practises SENDCO qualification or willingness to complete 	 Knowledge gained from teaching in specialist settings Advanced teaching and/or management qualifications Level 3 qualifications in Safeguarding Knowledge of Independent School Standards
Experience	 Leadership experience within an education setting, specialist or mainstream Demonstrate evidence of practice in working with students who have learning difficulties and disabilities Current experience of working with children and being able to promote a desire for learning Experience of supporting a diverse staff team Managing all records relating to SEND and inclusion Gathering evidence for Annual Reviews Leading Annual Review meetings Experience of completing observations and learning walks to support colleagues with their professional development 	Experience of specialist settings Experience of small class teaching

	 Delivering 'good' or 'outstanding' lessons as a teacher 	
Skills & Abilities	 Excellent interpersonal skills Be able to support and promote a reflective learning ethos Be creative and flexible in the way you work Excellent communication skills Committed to your own professional development and participate fully in the school's community 	Good sense of humour and a team spirit!
Personal Attributes	 Commitment to the additional support needs of all learners and to the development of cooperative responses through a strong team approach Excellent interpersonal skills and a sense of humour Exceptional team working ethos Confidence in working with a range of students, staff and external agencies Proactive and innovative with ability to problem solve. 	
Qualifications	 Honours undergraduate degree PGCE or equivalent SENDCO qualification or willingness to complete 	 Evidence of continuing professional development Level 3 qualifications in Safeguarding
Other Requirements	•	•