**Person Specification: Teacher of Psychology/Sociology**

**Qualification Criteria**

* Qualified to degree level and above
* Qualified to teach (and work) in the UK.

**Knowledge**

* Up to date knowledge in the curriculum area
* Understanding of the strategies needed to establish consistently high aspirations and standards of results and behaviour.

**Experience**

* Experience of raising attainment in a challenging classroom environment
* Evidence of continually improving the teaching and learning of their subject through schemes of work and extra-curricular activities.

**Behaviours**

* Passion for Subject
* High expectations for accountability and consistency
* Vision aligned with ARK’s high aspirations, high expectations of self and others
* A firm and constant belief in the unlimited potential of every student and a commitment to inclusive educational provision
* Motivation to continually improve standards and achieve excellence
* Commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of all students and providing equality of opportunity
* The ability to enthuse and inspire others
* The ability to consistently deliver outstanding lessons
* Effective and systematic behaviour management, with clear boundaries, sanctions, praise and recognition
* Excellent communication, planning and organisational skills
* Demonstrates resilience, motivation and commitment to driving up standards of achievement
* Acts as a role model to staff and students
* Commitment to regular and on-going professional development and training to establish outstanding classroom practice
* The ability to develop positive relations with students and adults
* The ability to work effectively alone and as a part of a team
* Excellent listening skills
* Strong interpersonal, written and oral communication skills and ICT skills
* Strong organisational and time management skills
* The ability to take personal responsibility, a readiness to reflect and self-evaluate, and the ability to change, develop and improve
* Confidence and self-motivation
* The ability to work well under pressure
* High levels of honesty and integrity
* A sense of humour and desire to have fun.

**Other**

* This post is subject to an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service check
* The post holder must be committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and to providing equality of opportunity.

*Ark is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in our academies.  In order to meet this responsibility, we follow a rigorous selection process. This process is outlined here, but can be provided in more detail if requested. All successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.*