



The Legacy Learning Trust School Counsellor

	Essential	Desirable	Measured by
Qualifications Training	 Educated to GCSE Standard at Grade A – C for a minimum of 5 GCSEs including Mathematics and English, or equivalent qualifications. Evidence of a professional qualification accredited by the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) or alternative professional organisation. BACP accreditation or working towards and registration with the United Kingdom Register of Counsellors (UKRC) or equivalent. Evidence of continuing professional development. 	Educated to degree level in a relevant subject to complement the role.	A/Q
Knowledge and Experience	 Demonstratable knowledge and experience of providing high quality counselling and guidance. Experience working with and supporting young people, colleagues, and their families. Knowledge of recent developments in practice and the ability to apply and communicate these with other colleagues An ability to prioritise and select approaches based on a sound assessment of a students' needs, escalating where appropriate. A working knowledge of safeguarding and the ability to prioritise safeguarding students liaising with the DSL A reflective practitioner who consistently seeks to improve their skills and practice. Track record of success with young people Knowledge of local services 	An understanding of the current challenges facing students (11-16).	A/I/R
Skills and Ability	Ability to manage own workload.	Good negotiation skills in order to secure VFM	A/I/R

	•	A great communicator who can balance and consider the needs of all stakeholders when planning workload Ability to work in a challenging environment Excellent written and verbal skills Organised approach to work in relation to professional standards and competencies Ability to work independently and with a multiagency approach Committed to delivering and excellent, progressive service Excellent record keeper Ability to support and counsel colleagues where appropriate	Working knowledge of GDPR and data protection statute	
Personal Qualities and	•	Committed to safeguarding and promoting the		A/I/R
Attitude		welfare of children and young people, equal opportunities and equality.		
	•	Patient, tolerant, sensitive and non-judgemental		
	•	Enthusiastic		
	•	Work accurately and methodically with attention to detail ·		
	•	Deal sensitively with people to resolve conflict ·		
	•	High level of emotional intelligence ·		
	•	Ability to cope well with pressure and keep calm in challenging situations ·		
	•	Friendly and outgoing ·		
	•	Ability to develop and maintain professional		
		relationships ·		
	•	Commitment to high standards · Commitment to team work · Willingness to learn ·		
	•	Humour and resilience ·		
		Reliability and integrity ·		
		Flexible and adaptable		

Measured by Key:
A - Application form
I - Interview

Q R Qualification check

References