|  | Essential | Desirable |
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| Qualifications   |           |           |
| Qualified to degree level  | х         |           |
| Professional Accountancy qualification e.g. CIMA, ACCA, CIPFA, MAAT or equivalent.   |           | x         |
| Significant qualifying experience and in depth professional knowledge acquired through experience.   | x         |           |
| Knowledge, skills and experience   |           |           |
| Proven track record of successful financial leadership and building effective teams.   | х         |           |
| Experience of leading and managing budgets, and working with stakeholders to develop strong financial understanding and empathy across the organisation. | x         |           |
| In depth knowledge ofstatutory requirements, procedures and regulatory requirements relating to academies.   |           | х         |
| High level of IT competence, literacy and numeracy skills  | х         |           |
| Experience of using and supporting others in the use of financial software package, including a working knowledge of Access                              |           | х         |
| Experience of working with Trustees, governors or similar stakeholder  |           | х         |
| Personal and Professional Qualities  |           |           |
| Ability to interpret complex financial information, advice, and statute and devise policy/practice in light of these.                                    | x         |           |
| Highly effective communication skills and ability to influence and negotiate effectively.  | х         |           |
| Excellent skills in strategic planning and management of financial resources   | х         |           |
| Strong decision making skills with the ability to make decisions and recommendations based upon the analysis of options                                  | х         |           |
| A commitment of the ethos of the Trust with the capacity to an ability to present the Trust in an positive and compelling manner.                        | х         |           |
| Capacity to prioritise workload to meet deadlines and organisational priorities  | х         |           |
| Some flexibility in terms of working patterns and evolution of the role  |           | х         |
| Other  |           |           |
| Driving licence and own transport  | х         |           |