SHAFTESBURY HIGH SCHOOL

School Counsellor/ Creative Therapist/ Psychotherapist: Person Specification

The School Counsellor/ Creative Therapist/ Psychotherapist Team is line-managed by the Head of Student Pastoral Support.

Educational Qualifications/Training

- Degree or postgraduate diploma in counselling, or Psychotherapy, Art, Drama or Integrative Psychotherapist.
- Further training or qualification in working with young people with a range of needs and abilities, physical needs, mental health needs, PMLD/SLD experience.
- Registration and accreditation with BACP, UKCP or equivalent professional body.

Professional Experience

- Experience of working in a school.
- A minimum of two years counselling experience post qualification, at least one year of which is with young people with SEND.
- Understanding and experience of working with attachment.

Professional Knowledge and Understanding

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

- An understanding of the developmental, emotional, social and educational issues of young people.
- A team player, with good written and verbal communication skills.
- Effective organisational skills.
- Awareness of the importance of sharing formation appropriately.
- Knowledge of local mental health and CAMHS Service.
- An understanding of safeguarding students in a counselling setting.

Personal Qualities and Skills Ideally, we are looking for someone who:

- Is sympathetic to the pastoral and safeguarding needs of students.
- Is resilient and optimistic.
- Is creative and enthusiastic.
- Is co-operative, flexible and responsible.
- Is reliable, well organised and committed to high standards.
- Is able to work independently and as part of a team