

# What We Are Looking For

We are looking for dynamic, committed and ambitious trainees with a passion for teaching and learning. You must have a desire to inspire young people and an ability to share and communicate your enthusiasm for your subject. We would expect you to be well-organised, hard-working, empathetic, approachable and resilient. You need to be willing to evaluate your practice and be able to respond to feedback given. A willingness to co-operate and share ideas during the course is also essential.

We expect you to act and dress professionally, accept that you are a role model for the students and know how to communicate with parents, fellow teaching staff and children. It is desirable that you will have experience of working with children in either a paid or voluntary capacity. It would be advantageous if you have had some lesson observation experience or an opportunity to have spent time in a school setting.

If you need experience why not contact [schooldirect@whitleybayhigh.org](mailto:schooldirect@whitleybayhigh.org) to find out about our taster events and school experience programme?

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## **Tips on writing your personal statement:**

You only get one chance to make a good impression so make sure you complete your application accurately. Write a clear personal statement which highlights and explains your transferable skills from previous interactions and school experiences. Good skills to highlight include teamwork, leadership, communication skills, time management, independent working, organisation of paperwork and ICT capabilities. Ensure that you also highlight your personal qualities which are essential to being an effective teacher, such as listening, having a love for learning and working with others, as well as patience and dedication. Make sure you demonstrate how you have shown these key skills within your application.

It is essential that your personal statement and application form is completed in detail and is free from spelling or typing errors. Remember first impressions count.