

## TEN ESSENTIAL SKILLS

**Adaptability** – No matter how well planned, lessons can and do go wrong. You must think on your feet.

**Communication** – No Audience in a boardroom, courtroom or conference hall is likely to be as difficult as the class you've faced daily.

**Humility** – Training and professional development means you are always learning. Employers like people who don't know the answer to everything.

**Humour** – If you can't laugh at a bad situation when you first start in the classroom, you quickly learn to. A sense of humour is vital in dealing with clients.

**Leadership** – Every day you lead classes of 30 or more children. If you can handle them, you can handle anyone.

**Mentoring** – You issue praise, punish, and solve problems every day. In any workplace, you will be mindful of the needs of others.

**Organisation** – Knowledge is essential to impart something useful, but unless you can mark, prepare and meet deadlines – for yourself and your pupils – effective learning won't happen.

**Patience** – If a class of pupils acting disruptively doesn't break you, the chances are nothing will.

**Resilience** – When things go wrong in the classroom you have to bounce back and get on with it. People are relying on you.

**Teamwork** – Part and parcel of the job, whether with your class, subject teams or other colleagues.