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I have know Maria since 1999. At Newcastle College I was programme leader for Psychology and Philosophy and Maria acted as Head of Philosophy. We worked together for 3 years and though we have both moved on to higher education we have kept in contact ever since.


While at Newcastle College Maria ran the subject of Philosophy very effectively. She is a well-organised person and both her academic materials and administration were well-prepared. She produced excellent materials for her students which were aimed at the appropriate level. Maria has since shown, in her Open University work, that she able to adapt from further to higher education.

Maria is an enthusiastic and engaging lecturer who is able to transmit her the love of her subject to her pupils. It is obvious, from both her academic and pastoral work with her students, that part of Maria's success as a teacher was the care she had for her students. The retention and pass rate on Maria's course were excellent and student evaluation of her performance was exemplary.

Maria is an outgoing and socially-skilled person who formed good working relationships with fellow staff and students. She is highly motivated and is a highly respected and committed academic and I have no hesitation in commending her most highly.

Please feel free to email me should you need further details.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. N. Lund