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Ref: Maria Kasmirli

I have known Maria for just over two years. When she joined Newcastle College in March 1999 I was her immediate Line Manager as head of Psychology & Philosophy. Although we have both left college we are in regular contact.

Maria was an excellent and valued member of the Psychology and Philosophy team. She ran the Philosophy course very efficiently and managed to turn a minority subject into a thriving course. Her enthusiasm for her subject motivated both her students and fellow staff. (I had never seen staff debating philosophical arguments during their break times before Maria's arrival!). Maria is very good at putting forward a reasoned argument & in team meetings she was always persuasive yet diplomatic. Philosophy was allowed to continue as an A level subject against some senior management opposition because of her well-reasoned and carefully researched argument.

Maria is a friendly, open person who was liked and respected by fellow staff and her students. She is a very reliable person and is entirely trustworthy. She is a hard working person who shows total commitment to her work. I believe her drive and ability make her an excellent candidate for the post.

Please feel free to disclose this reference to Maria

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