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**ENGLISH SCHOOL c. 1625 -
OIL ON CANVAS PORTRAIT
PAINTING OF A GENTLEMAN
IN A DARK EMBROIDERED
DOUBLET AND WHITE RUFF.**

Price

GBP 9,000

| USD \$12,155 | EUR 10,526

Item Reference: SA1228254**Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 67 cm (26.4")

Width = 56 cm (22.0")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Fine quality early 17th century English school portrait of a gentleman in a dark embroidered doublet and white linen flalling band or collar. The handsome sitter is depicted bust-length against a dark background. He is of fair complexion, with short reddish-brown hair, a prominent moustache and a neatly trimmed goatee. With a calm and confident air he gazes slightly to the right to greet the eyes of the viewer. His richly detailed costume is characteristic of the Jacobean era and includes a dark, richly textured high collared doublet (likely made of silk or wool) which has an all over geometric decorative pattern. It is front fastening and further adorned with a row of tiny gilt buttons. Around his neck is a prominent, wide white pleated and fan shaped collar which would have required careful laundering and starching. The fact that this highly fashionable accessory was also high maintenance is a further signal as to the sitters high status. The restrained colours used throughout this portrait (mostly very dark or black tones) are typical of portraiture of the Jacobean and they were associated with wealth, sobriety and social status. Black dyes were expensive so cl...

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