

Head of Design Technology, Years 3–8

Part Time (0.5)

Job Title

Head of Design Technology

Responsible To

Deputy Head Academic/Assistant Head Co-Curricular & Operations

Purpose of the Role

The successful candidate will inspire pupils from Years 3 to 8 through a broad and engaging Design Technology curriculum. They will foster creativity, problem-solving, practical skills, and confidence while encouraging pupils to develop an appreciation of design, engineering, food technology, and making.

The role offers the opportunity to teach across a wide age range and contribute fully to the vibrant life of a busy and successful prep school.

Responsibilities

The successful candidate will:

- Teach Design Technology to pupils in Years 3–8.
- Deliver a varied curriculum including:
 - Product Design, Resistant Materials & Food Technology
- Plan, prepare and assess lessons in accordance with school policies.
- Maintain high expectations of pupil achievement, behaviour and presentation, including supporting and preparing pupils for scholarship applications and assessments to a range of senior schools.
- Monitor and report on pupil progress.
- Manage the budget and ordering of materials
- Ensure the safe use of tools, machinery and equipment at all times and promote excellent workshop practice and a strong culture of health and safety.

Department and Facilities

The Design Technology Department is housed in a well-equipped specialist teaching area comprising:

- A dedicated workshop.
- Computer workstations for design and CAD work.
- Laser cutter & 3 axis router
- Design and product development spaces.
- Food Technology facilities.

The department is usually supported by a graduate gap student who assists with preparation & supporting the lessons. Maintenance of equipment and workshop organisation is the responsibility of the Head of DT.

Pastoral Responsibilities

All teaching staff are expected to play a full role in the pastoral life of the school. This may include:

- Monitoring pupils' academic progress and wellbeing.
- Communicating effectively with parents and colleagues.
- Writing reports and attending parents' meetings.

Wider Contribution to School Life

- Actively participate in duties, extra-curricular activities (including occasional evening events), Saturday school, and occasional Sunday/boarding duties or residential trips.

Person Specification

Essential	• Qualified teacher status or relevant experience.
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	• Ability to teach Design Technology across Years 3–8. • Strong practical workshop skills. • Excellent classroom management. • Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. • Enthusiasm for contributing to the wider life of a boarding and day prep school.
Desirable	• Experience teaching Food Technology in a Prep setting. • Ability to lead co-curricular activities. • Experience preparing pupils for scholarship examinations and senior school entry. • Ability to offer a secondary subject specialism would be advantageous.

Safeguarding

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful applicant will be required to undergo appropriate child protection screening, including an enhanced DBS check.