



Teacher of Design Technology or Textiles **Department Information**

The successful applicant will join a large, supportive and forward-thinking Design and Technology department consisting of twelve staff. We are hard-working and dedicated to providing our students with a positive and successful experience of the subject. Most of us are comfortable teaching across multiple disciplines, especially at KS3, although we tend to specialise at KS4 and KS5. We have the flexibility within the department to offer this role to either a Product Design/RM specialist or a Textiles specialist.

The DT department is based in a standalone building, which is less than ten years old. We have five open-plan workshops for Product Design, each with a number of computers, as well as specialist rooms for Textiles and Food Technology. Additionally, we have two computer suites exclusively for DT use. We have two laser cutters and two 3D printers as well as a great range of traditional DT and Textiles equipment.

Typically, around 180 KS4 students choose to study a subject at GCSE within the department: around 100-120 DT GCSE students, 40-50 Art and Design: Textiles students, and 30 Food Preparation and Nutrition students. We also offer Product Design, Textiles and Graphic Communication at A-Level, which account for a further 40 or so students in both year 12 and 13.

We aim to give students a truly broad experience of the DT curriculum and encourage them to be skilled and knowledgeable in a wide range of areas. Practical skills, CAD, sketching, innovation and subject knowledge are given equal emphasis and we try to create an aspirational environment. Results at GCSE and A-Level are strong and improving and many of our students go on to study DT and Textiles related courses at university.

As a team we work collaboratively and all members of the team have the opportunity to contribute to curriculum planning and influencing the direction of the department. We welcome different perspectives and approaches and are always looking to develop and improve.

We are equally open to applications from NQTs and more experienced teachers, and we look forward to welcoming the successful candidate to the team.

Joe Wells
Subject Leader of DT

