



Art Technician (ceramics or printmaking)

March 2018

Dear Applicant,

Thank you very much for your interest in the above post, which provides a wonderful opportunity to join our school at a very exciting time in our history.

Holme Grange is a flourishing school – an educational trust, we are a day, co-educational School of around 470 children aged from 3 - 16 years old. From September 2015 we admitted our first Year 9 pupils to the school - our pioneers who will forge the way for future cohorts as they progress towards their GCSEs at Holme Grange.

The School is set in 21 acres of beautiful Royal Berkshire countryside with some excellent teaching and sporting facilities. We have recently extended our already impressive facilities with the addition of two new purpose built teaching blocks, a theatre, music teaching classroom and drama studio, dining room, a further science laboratory, and food technology room with plans in place to provide staff and students with first class teaching and learning areas. We have three Forest School sites and our TLC Hub (teamwork, Leadership and Communication) provides a valuable resource for outdoor learning and teambuilding opportunities across the School. There **are 80+ Teaching Staff** and peripatetic subject teachers. A prospectus is available and you can also view the School on www.holmegrange.org

The School's aim is to provide a well-balanced education in order to make learning fun and enjoyable. Holme Grange prides itself on developing pupils' potential. By the time a child leaves we hope to have given each one an all-round education encompassing academic, sporting, musical, artistic and technological skills. Holme Grange is small enough for all children to feel fulfilled and encouraged so as to develop self-confidence and self-esteem. We provide our pupils with a toolkit to live their lives and when they eventually enter the adult world, we can be confident they will do so well prepared with a real life foundation for every challenge they will face.

In order to learn, children must be happy and feel secure in their environment. Holme Grange School is full of happy children and the environment is caring but still allows children the freedom to develop as individuals. The ethos throughout the school is one of warmth and friendliness. Pupils are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning, develop good work habits and gain a sense that learning can thrill and invigorate.

Life in our school is a journey of exploration, and discovery. Academic standards are excellent. We are proud of our academic reputation as well as the opportunities we provide for each child to achieve across the whole curriculum. We provide opportunities for children to achieve success in all areas of the curriculum and we always celebrate their achievements.



In November 2013 Holme Grange School was successful in achieving the prestigious NACE Challenge Award for Able, Gifted and Talented Pupils, accreditation that was again achieved this academic year (2017). Only a few schools nationally reach this high standard. This Award is given for high quality work by the whole school, teachers and governors, in challenging all pupils, including those with high abilities, to achieve their best. We recognise that all children have talents, and every child is encouraged to realise their true potential, whatever that may be, in whatever area of school life. We demand and set high standards, and our children respond by always giving of their best. We have a wide spread of ability within the school but never underestimate what any child can achieve. In January 2015 we were inspected by ISI and achieved an 'Excellent' grading for all areas of the School's operations.

The Art Department

The **Art department** (Reception - Y11) is a hive of creativity where we make the impossible possible and bring children's ideas to life. It is led by a Head of Department who is responsible for the delivery of art across the School, supported by another subject specialist art teacher and experienced and creative support staff. We have a large well equipped art room, an art studio for art scholars and a creative arts room for younger years. Facilities include a kiln, printing press, sewing machines and access to a DT workshop. We are looking to offer Photography at GCSE level and have sufficient resources for digital photography.

Children are taught in mixed ability groups in all years, with an emphasis on creating confident, independent and enthusiastic learners. Approaches to teaching are creative and responsive – a feature of the collective modus-operandi of staff at Holme Grange. All children from Year 3 receive subject specific teaching with ample opportunity for extra-curricular enrichment by way of clubs, visits, and in-house and external competitions.

Applications

ART TECHNICIAN

We require a dynamic and enthusiastic individual to assist the Art teachers in setting up lessons and assisting students during lessons. The school would also consider a Teaching Assistant with an Art background specialism or an articulate Art Graduate.

Candidates must have:

- Strong organisational skills
- IT skills
- A "can do" attitude

It would be an advantage to also have:

- Experience in printmaking, ceramics or darkroom/digital photography
- Knowledge of artists, craftspeople and designers
- Creative flair
- Experience of Health and Safety procedures



Tasks would include:

- Ordering and stocktaking materials and equipment
- Organising and labelling equipment
- Mixing powdered glazes and cutting materials
- Creating teaching resources
- Creating displays of work
- Moving sculpture and materials
- Teaching skills to small groups of children
- Organising artwork to go to national exhibitions and competitions

A willingness to play a full part in the extra-curricular and pastoral life of our happy and vibrant school is essential. Holme Grange has its own salary scale. The salary depends on age and experience.

Application

Holme Grange School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and Prohibition Check.

Pre-application visits welcomed. Full details and application forms are available and can be obtained from the school website at www.holmegrange.org or by telephoning 0118 978 1566. Applications will only be accepted by application form which should be submitted with a hand written letter of application to the Headteacher – Mrs C Robinson.

Newly Qualified Teachers

The School is fully accredited to participate in the Independent Schools NQT Induction Programme in order to provide qualified teacher status.

Interviews

Candidates will be invited to attend an interview at the School and to meet the Headteacher and Head of Art and Design. Candidates are asked to bring in examples of their own art work which may be in any media.

The closing date for applications is **Thursday 12th April 2018** and interviews will be on **Thursday 19th April 2018**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Robinson
Headteacher