**Teacher and Technicican of Textiles Technology**

**Senior School (13-18)**

**The Appointment**

College is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and inspirational teacher to join a highly successful department. This is a part-time post combining teaching and technical support, though there is an opportunity to develop into a more full-time role: the appointee will be responsible for teaching a minimum 0.3 timetable of Textiles Technology across the 13-18 age range, whilst supporting the Head of Design & Technology in preparing resources on a minimum 0.3 timetable.

**The College**

College consists of two inter-dependent fee-paying schools within a single executive structure. The Senior School (13-18), founded in 1841, is the oldest of the Victorian public schools and is predominantly a boarding school of 680 pupils, including a Sixth Form of approximately 280 pupils. The Prep School (3-13) is largely a day school of some 400 pupils. Both schools are fully co-educational. The schools are situated in their own spacious grounds near the centre of Cheltenham, a flourishing Cotswold town. They have fine academic records and a considerable reputation for sport, drama and music.

**The Department**

The Design and Technology department has four full-time members of teaching staff. There is additionally a Resistant Materials technician. The department consists of two well equipped Textiles rooms, a CAD/CAM room, three workshops, two classrooms, a department library, a Sixth Form work area, and an IT suite and office.

The Textiles rooms are equipped with Janome sewing machines (two with CAM facilities) two overlockers, a needle punch machine, a screen-printing table with a repeat rail, photographic screen printing facilities, Dye-sub printing, heat pressing facilities and an interactive whiteboard.

There are currently three Textiles Technology GCSE groups, one in the Lower 6th and and one in the Upper 6th, with numbers currently close to maximum for GCSE and growing yearly for A Level. Scholarships are awarded at both 13+ and 16+, and there is a growing interest in the department from external candidates.

Cheltenham’s Design Technology students perform extremely well at GCSE and the department is one of the highest achieving within the school for value-added.

**Departmental Expectations**

The successful candidate will be expected to be able to deliver the Textiles curriculum to GCSE standard. Prior experience of A Level teaching is not a pre-requisite: the Head of Design & Technology will offer mentoring and support to enable the appointee to work effectively with A Level classes.

Involvement in the department’s programme of extra-curricular activities will be expected. The appointee will be required to supervise textiles activities during the afternoons, allowing pupils to work on independent projects and to develop their exam coursework.

**Cheltenham and the Cotswolds**

Cheltenham is an extremely attractive Regency town of about 100 000 people. It is situated at the foot of the Cotswold escarpment and a wide range of outdoor activities are thus on our doorstep. The College is situated about 10 minutes’ walk south of the town centre. The town has a vibrant cultural life, and hosts a number of nationally-renowned festivals. The Times Literature festival in October is the best known and affords the College the opportunity to take students to attend talks from leading authors (including many eminent scientists) and other events in a range of subjects. The Cheltenham Science festival in June is exploited well by the department. Music, Jazz, Cricket, and Food and Drink festivals, in addition to thriving markets and dozens of outstanding restaurants contribute further to making Cheltenham an enjoyable place to live and work.

**Job Description – Textiles Technician**

* The Technician undertakes many Textiles-specific tasks – basic sewing machine skills, printing and dyeing of fabric, laser-cutting, CAD/CAM embroidery machines etc.
* The technician works directly with students and also supports teachers for these tasks in lessons.
* Preparing resources for Textiles
* Creating and updating departmental displays
* Ordering stock
* Keeping the department tidy and supervising access to the practical areas
* Organising the annual exhibition where pupils showcase their work
* Routine maintenance of Textiles equipment (e.g. sewing machines) and health and safety checks.

**Expectations (of a full time teacher)**

Members of Common Room are expected to teach their subject[s], to act as tutors, to be attached to day or boarding Houses, to make substantial contributions to the extra- and co- curricular programmes and to support the boarding ethos of the College. As this is a part-time teaching post, the appointee will have a small group of tutees, working closely with a full-time member of staff in one of the Houses.

Although hours of work are not specified precisely, the working day begins with a registration period at 8.30 am and will include some evening commitments during term time. Those attached to Boarding Houses should expect a fortnightly evening duty. There are College and/or House-based activities on some weekends in which they are also expected to play a part. To fulfill the technician role, the appointee will be required to work for 3-4 weeks (pro rata) during the school holidays.

Chapel is central to College life reflecting its Christian foundation. On weekdays all members of Common Room are expected to attend the brief morning service. Attendance on Sundays is not obligatory, but is encouraged.

The College sets the highest professional standards in every respect.

**Terms and Conditions:**

* The College has its own salary scale.
* Service with the College is pensionable in accordance with the Teachers’ Pension Scheme.
* Permanent members of staff are entitled to a substantial reduction in fees for their children. (Pro rata for part-time staff)
* Members of staff may use the College sports’ facilities (at staff allocated times)

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