Welcome to the Design & Technology Department

General Information
There are five Design and Technology Specialists in the team who teach across the age and ability range from KS3 to KS4. The Leader of the Department is supported by very experienced colleagues in KS3 and KS4. The Department is also supported by two Department Technicians and a Department Assistant who is also a Cover Teacher Mentor.

Teaching and Learning
The Design & Technology Department has a very good record of success, which has been achieved in a positive, supportive culture in which colleagues share in a clear vision and high expectations. A pleasant and friendly atmosphere exists to which students respond with a good sense of enthusiasm. The students are keen and co-operative, approaching Design and Technology with every increasing confidence and competence in a supportive environment.

Accommodation and Resources
There are five teaching rooms for the members of the Department, along with two technician preparation rooms. The rooms are in a suite which enables colleagues to work closely together. Each room is equipped with a data projector and screen and in addition, an interactive projector in the Graphics area, there is always internet connection; other hardware/software includes: Boxford A3HS Rmi²; Roland Plotter Cutter CAMM-1 CX 12; Roland Plotter Cutter CAMM-1 SERVO GX-24; Software- 2D Design Version 2; and PHOTOSHOP Adobe CS6 and staff are provided with their own individual laptop.

The five specialist facilities include:-
- one Textile Technology room
- two Food Technology/Catering rooms
- one Resistant Material Technology room
- one Graphics/Product Design room.

Curriculum
In KS3 all students study the various Design & Technology disciplines. In KS4 the students can opt from a range of subjects at GCSE level. Currently the following subjects are available from September 2015

GCSE Technology
GCSE Food & Nutrition
BTEC Level 2 Health and Social Care for current Year 10 and 11 students
OCR National Engineering, Year 11

The team
We are an established team, interested in reflecting critically on our own teaching styles. Colleagues are keen to share best practice and explore new ideas. We are keen to promote a positive attitude for Design & Technology and share an enthusiasm for achieving as a team.

If you have any questions you would like to ask, then please feel free to call school.

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