

Post: Teacher of Food Technology

MPS/UPS Fringe

Thank you for your interest in applying to Yavneh College. Below is some information about the post and the school which we hope is helpful. We also enclose a prospectus and application form. Please note that applications cannot be considered unless the application form is completed in full.

The completed application form should be returned to the Executive Headteacher, together with a letter of application.

The school is committed to safeguarding children and young people. The selection process includes scrutiny of the information provided in the completed application form, taking up references, observation of a taught lesson and an interview. If you are shortlisted for interview, please bring with you, original copies of your relevant qualifications including English and Mathematics GCSE, degree and teaching qualifications. In addition, we will need to have sight of your passport and/or driving licence as well as a recent utility bill. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory enhanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure.

NQTs are very welcome to apply and will be well-supported by our induction programme.

The Design Technology Department

The department is staffed by two full-time teachers, one of whom is Head of Department, and two-part time teachers and they are supported by a full time technician. The advertised post arises due to a teacher leaving and increased Food classes at GCSE. The successful applicant will be timetabled to teach KS3 and GCSE Food Technology.

The Design Technology Department occupies a purpose-built design technology suite comprising three large specialist workshops - food technology, resistant materials/CADCAM, Systems and Control room - and a technician's workshop and store.

Food technology is taught in a large, well-equipped room with ovens, sinks, food preparation areas and a large storeroom.

The main workshop is a multi-media room with dedicated heat treatment and welding area, multi-media benches, a wide variety of machinery including wood and metal lathes. There is also a 3D router, laser cutter and vinyl cutting machine.

The Systems and Control room has Nortec low voltage benching, networked PCs for computer control running economatics control boxes and logicator PIC technology.

CAD/CAM is taught using Cut Studio and 2D Design, with Yenka and Logicator being the chosen software for Systems and Control.

Like every room in the school, the rooms in the Technology Department are equipped with a ceiling-mounted data projector connected to a computer, DVD player, speakers, wireless network and visualiser. Trolleys of laptops are available for pupils' use.

The Head of Design Technology sets high standards for the department, with detailed schemes of work designed to challenge all pupils. The design technology teaching observed by Ofsted was judged to be outstanding.

At KS3, pupils have a one-hour DT lesson every week. They study food technology, resistant materials and systems & control. At KS4, we offer GCSE options in Design and Technology and Food Preparation and Nutrition. The school follows the AQA GCSE specification, with the classes having three lessons each week.

General information about the school

Yavneh College is located adjacent to the Elstree Film and Television Studios in Borehamwood, Hertfordshire. The town of Borehamwood lies within Green Belt countryside on the outskirts of north London. Borehamwood and Elstree Station, 10 minutes' walk from the school, provides a fast and frequent train service south to Central London and north to St Albans and Luton. The main bus station for Borehamwood is a three-minute walk from the school and provides services to the local Hertfordshire towns and north London suburbs.

Yavneh College opened in September 2006 and is an 11-18 co-educational comprehensive school. The school was granted Academy status in July 2011. Yavneh College has a £30m purpose-built campus for 1,000 pupils. We have state-of-the-art facilities and equipment throughout the site.

The appointment of a very experienced and successful Senior Leadership Team and teaching staff has meant that the school has enjoyed a reputation for excellence from its inception. Children of staff receive priority for admission to the school (full details are available in the admission section of the school website).

Our Ofsted inspection in March 2011 graded Yavneh College as 'Outstanding'. Ofsted found that:

- 'Students receive excellent teaching and support resulting in outstanding achievement and high attainment'
- 'Lessons are frequently inspirational and enthusiastically received'
- 'Students' behaviour is outstanding and they express their love of the school for providing them with so many memorable experiences and chances of success.'
- 'Those students with special educational needs make outstanding progress'
- 'Those students who are gifted and talented are further challenged through stretching activities in lessons and through the extensive enrichment curriculum.'
- 'Care, guidance and support are outstanding'

- 'The curriculum is exceptionally well matched to students' needs.'
- 'Leadership and management are outstanding' and 'the Headteacher and her senior team have empowered all members of staff'
- 'The school is an exciting place to teach'

The full report is available on our website www.yavnehcollege.org

As a comprehensive school, we are committed to all of our pupils realising their full academic potential. We believe that this is best achieved by teaching pupils in sets rather than in streams, bands or mixed ability groups. Lower ability pupils are taught in smaller sets and are supported by learning support assistants.

As a Jewish faith school, our aim is to produce young people who are confident about their identity as members of the Jewish community and of wider British society, and well-equipped with the academic qualifications and wider key skills necessary for successful participation in today's employment market. There is no requirement for staff to be Jewish; we welcome applications from all sections of the community and appoint the best. The majority of our current staff are not Jewish.

If you have never worked in a Jewish school before, the following information may be helpful: For half of the school year – mid October to late March – school finishes at 1.15pm on Fridays. For the other half of the year, school finishes at 2pm on Fridays. The school day starts at 8.30am and ends at 4pm on Mondays to Thursdays. Education is highly valued by parents and pupils and they are ambitious in terms of examination success and future career paths.

Extracurricular activities are very important at Yavneh College and pupils are encouraged to partake in a range of wider experiences. As well as sports, fixtures, whole-school productions, theatre trips etc, we timetable more than 60 extracurricular activities into the school day on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays as a 55-minute slot (the 'Enrichment Programme') for all KS3 pupils, immediately after lunch. Enrichment activities are delivered by the teaching staff and are included when calculating teachers' contact time.

We hope that this provides you with all that you need to know in order to decide whether you wish to apply. If, however, there is anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the Executive Headteacher via his PA. He will be pleased to answer your queries.