



AMPLEFORTH
COLLEGE

Art Technician September 2026



Welcome from the Headmaster

Thank you for your interest in this role.

Ampleforth is a very fulfilling place to work, particularly because it is a school with a mission. As Catholic educators, we seek to educate the whole person, mind, body and spirit, supporting our pupils to fulfil their potential and to flourish in all aspects of life. Everyone can benefit from being part of and contributing to this enriching education, whether you are Catholic or not.

Ampleforth's community ethos, rooted in the tenets of our Benedictine monastic founders, is centred on being welcoming to all, caring for each other, and valuing inclusion, empathy and compassion. We aim to form responsible young people of integrity and courage, proactive members of society who serve others and do good in the world. As such, an Ampleforth education provides a compass for life. Our ethos extends to the whole community, students, families, staff, alumni and visitors. Leading the team here is a joy, as well as a privilege and an honour.

Ampleforth offers the highest possible level of pastoral care, embedded within a robust safeguarding culture. Our pupils are happy, well-balanced and grounded; each one is known well by staff and cherished. We want the very best for them and work hard to help them achieve it.

Good and inspiring teaching is key, and every pupil is challenged academically. We cultivate intellectual curiosity, critical thinking and independence of mind, all vital for further studies after school and to thrive in our complex world. Alongside the pursuit of academic excellence, the lessons gained from music, drama, art, and sport are equally important for developing the whole person, the well-rounded character that Ampleforth appreciates.

The dedication of the Governors, the whole staff, and the many friends and supporters of Ampleforth inspires me to give all I can to our collective goal of being the world's foremost Catholic boarding and day school.



*Jon Mutton,
Headmaster*



Our Mission

"An Ampleforth Education is an invitation to young people to discover the value and the purpose of life, by entering into a transforming encounter with Christ through active participation in the life of a living Christian Community."

Our Benedictine values:

Catholic education and Benedictine values underpin everything we do at Ampleforth, whether a student or member of staff is Catholic or not. We believe that humanity is a gift we receive through others and that our relationships unlock the unique potential in each person. Our values provide the foundation to all of our work and how we work with one another:

Respect: recognising and nurturing the unique talents of every individual and oneself, understanding that we grow and learn from our differences and are made a better person by each other.

Hospitality: committing to live in such a way as to be welcoming and open to all, and to invite people to experience living life more fully in our community.

Attentiveness: being sensitive to the needs of others as well as one's own needs and supporting the mutual well-being of everyone in the community; wanting what is best for each other.

Equilibrium: nurturing the well-being and resilience of each individual and one's own, and thereby of the community, to achieve mental and emotional balance and personal fulfilment.

Stewardship: cultivating a sense of responsibility and care for the people and the world around us, as well as oneself, to ensure our community and environment thrive.

Integrity: developing within ourselves strong principles, sound judgement, and the resilience needed to do the right thing.

A Snapshot of the College

Founded in 1802 and set in a beautiful Yorkshire valley, Ampleforth College is the world's foremost Catholic day and boarding school, welcoming girls and boys of all faiths aged 11-18.

Ampleforth College at a glance 2020-2025



Over
200 Pupils
awarded a bursary

20 Subjects
offered at GCSE

30 Sixth Form options
(25 A Levels,
4 vocational BTEC
courses, and 1 Advanced
Subsidiary Level)



88% achieve a place at
their first choice university

Home for our pupils is:



Over **70** outreach and partnership events every year for local schools and the Diocese

More than **2,500** children from our local area benefit each year from Ampleforth's facilities and partnerships programmes

20% Europe including: Spain, France, Austria, Germany, Benelux, Poland, Ireland, Gibraltar and Malta

8% Rest of World including: South America, USA, Mexico, Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Singapore, Kenya and Nigeria



The Art Department

The Art Department at Ampleforth is a thriving and successful faculty, well equipped, with large painting studios, a printmaking workshop, a ceramics studio, sculpture facilities, art library, dark room, computer room and exhibition space. The staff are all respected artists, bringing a complimentary group of specialisms to the classroom. Our aim is to work alongside students helping them to discover their own creativity, and delight, in making things.

The department has two full time and one part time members of teaching staff and a technician. Skill and understanding of the language of drawing is the key foundation of our teaching.

A key aspect to the work of the department is the support given to students beyond allocated curriculum time. Enrichment opportunities include 1:1 tutorials, 'open studios' to facilitate independent learning, planned trips to Galleries and a program of visiting artists.

Extensive support is given to students applying for Art College and for courses in Architecture and associated subjects. The vast majority of our students achieve their first-choice place on Foundation Courses, with some making direct entry into degree courses.

Our approach to teaching is simultaneously to develop students' core skills, their knowledge of a wide range of art and design, and their ability to think and work creatively. To achieve this, we offer a comprehensive curriculum including art history, critical analysis, media exploration and drawing from observation.

Specifications:

- GCSE AQA Art and Design: Fine Art
- A Level AQA Art and Design: Fine Art
- A Level AQA Art and Design: Textiles

Specialist areas of study within fine art

- Painting and drawing
- Intaglio and relief painting – with drawing
- Sculpture – with drawing and ceramics
- Textiles and mixed media



Art Technician

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Art Technician is responsible to the Head of Department and will carry out work in all the areas below. They will need to be versatile and flexible, able to work effectively as part of a team as well as independently with minimal supervision. The technician's role is physical, requiring basic DIY skills (or willingness to learn them) and regular lifting and carrying. Carrying out duties in the most cost-effective and efficient way, you will follow all legislation, as well as our own policies and procedures, relating to working with children, safeguarding, and Health and Safety.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ART TECHNICIAN:

Promote and safeguard the welfare of children and young people for whom you are responsible and with whom you come into contact.

Health and Safety:

- Follow Health and Safety protocols for use of spaces, equipment and materials
- Undertake appropriate Health and Safety checks
- Maintain Health and Safety paperwork (such as filing MSDS and COSHH information)
- Check, update and write Risk Assessments as required
- Ensure hazardous materials are stored safely in COSHH cupboard
- Induct students into safe use of hazardous materials and processes and supervise their use

Organise, manage and maintain the Department resources, equipment and accommodation:

- Manage the upkeep of the accommodation, ensuring that the Department is kept tidy and fit for purpose, improving systems as necessary
- Organise materials and equipment in all the studios, cupboards and storerooms
- Maintain tools and equipment, ensuring they are in good working order and comply with Health and Safety standards
- Manage the storage of artwork, equipment and resources in an efficient and safe manner, including the safe storage of hazardous materials
- Monitor and replenish consumables (studio trays / paper towels / printer paper)
- Manage the loan of technical equipment (e.g. camera)
- Assist with routine care of Department IT facilities
- Assist in the maintenance of the Departmental Art library

“There is a strong team spirit and colleagues are always helpful and supportive. Specialist training is provided which means I am building a new set of skills, and there are opportunities for development. Staff well-being is given a high priority and being in a beautiful location makes coming to work a pleasure.”

Carolyn, Compliance Administrator

JOB DESCRIPTION CONTINUED:

Manage, as directed by the Head of Department, the ordering and control of consumables and equipment as required by the Department:

- Maintain inventory of resources and equipment
- Order materials and equipment for the Department as necessary
- Check delivery receipts against invoices, resolving discrepancies with suppliers
- Maintain clear interlay departmental accounts and spreadsheet
- Reconcile Department accounts with the Bursary account statements on a regular and routine basis
- Assist in preparing the costing of materials for students

Offer technical support and assistance to all the teaching staff and students as required:

- Prepare materials and equipment for lessons as requested, including IT equipment
- Assist in setting up and clearing away materials and equipment for more complex lessons, as requested
- Provide technical support for staff and students with all processes including 3D processes, ceramics, printmaking, photography, film and digital media
- Assist pupils during lessons and during out of hours Art sessions as required
- Be willing to run an activity
- Refresh displays and support with the exhibition of student work departmentally and across campus



PERSON SPECIFICATION:

The person appointed will satisfy all or most of the following:

ESSENTIAL:

- Level 3 qualification in Creative Arts
- Experience in current Art and Design
- Proficient user of Microsoft Office including Word, Excel and email
- General Handyperson with basic DIY skills
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Knowledge of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'
- Knowledge of the technical requirements of an Art Department
- First Aid qualification or willingness to obtain one
- Knowledge of Health and Safety standards and Risk Assessments
- Positive, patient and helpful
- Calmness under pressure
- Effective organisational and time management
- Reliable
- Initiative and flexibility
- Willingness to learn new skills
- Creative problem solving
- Keen eye for detail
- Able to work as part of a team and make a meaningful contribution to the department
- Able to supervise a group of students
- Sense of pride in areas of responsibility, ensuring the smooth running of the department

DESIRABLE:

- Experience in educational setting
- Good telephone manner
- Ability to produce clear reports and letters
- Knowledge of Photoshop and other digital and graphics software
- Knowledge of the use of tools and equipment available in the DT department (circular saw / band saw etc)
- Knowledge of loading and firing a kiln



"Ampleforth is very much a community in its own right and even as a part time staff member, I feel included, involved and that my work here is valued. The College team are friendly and supportive and it is clear that everybody here is passionate about their role. The College is unlike anywhere I have ever worked before, no two days are ever the same, and I really look forward to coming to work."

Emma Darbyshire-Mezzanottee, Database Project Executive



“It has been rewarding, both professionally and personally, to have worked for almost 20 years in a place with a clear sense of purpose, collegiality, and a profound respect for cultural diversity whilst maintaining traditions and values which give it its unique character.”

Francisca Garcia-Ortega, Head of Spanish



Conditions of Employment

Hours: 38 hours per week, term time only plus 6 week (38 weeks in total)

Probationary period: 6 months

Salary: To be discussed at interview

Working Environment

Ampleforth is an enjoyable and stimulating place to work. Our staff body seeks to work to core values and codes of conduct developed from the Rule of St Benedict.

Benefits

- Group Personal Pension Scheme (which matches contributions up to 8%)
- Annual closed period between Christmas and New Year
- Affordable staff lodging (where available)
- Lunch during working hours (hot and cold choices)
- Discounted on-site Sports Centre membership
- Free car parking on-site
- E-Vehicle salary sacrifice scheme (pending)
- Cycle to work scheme
- 10% Staff discount at the Abbey Shop and Tearooms
- Bounty scheme for referral of new staff
- Employee assistance programme
- Death in Service Gratuity
- Fee remission (at Headmaster's discretion)

Staff Support & Welfare

Ampleforth takes the welfare, health and wellbeing of its staff seriously. Our beautiful grounds are well maintained and open to staff for walking and running. In addition to professional development, we endeavour to support all staff members to the very best of our ability. We operate family-friendly policies such as childcare voucher schemes, company maternity provisions (enhanced Statutory Maternity Pay) and flexible working opportunities. There is also an Employee Assistant Programme offering a free and confidential 24/7 support service. This service provides unlimited access to advice, information, coaching and counselling where appropriate. A Staff Chaplain is also available to offer advice and support.



Apply now

For more information or to discuss the role further, please contact the Human Resources department on 01439 766415 or employment@ampleforth.org.uk or the Head of Art, Helen Marshall on hema@ampleforth.org.uk

The Trust is committed to a policy of equal opportunity and will take every possible step to ensure fair and equal treatment of all. All Trust policies and practices will support the commitment to equality of opportunity in respect of any recruitment, and selection process. No member of staff or applicant will be unfairly disadvantaged by the Trust policies or practices.

Safeguarding and Child protection at Ampleforth College

The St Laurence Education Trust is committed to safeguarding children and promoting the welfare of children and young people. They expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment and will ensure that all recruitment and selection practices and procedures reflect this commitment.

All successful candidates will be subject to checks by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) along with other relevant employment check. All applicants, (regardless of position) are requested to read the Safeguarding Policy as part of our commitment to safeguarding of children

All posts at Ampleforth are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. We therefore require applicants to declare all convictions, cautions and bindovers, including those regarded as 'spent'.

All information provided will be treated as confidential.

Our Safeguarding Policy can be accessed via our website. Any offer of employment is made subject to a full range of checks and satisfactory references.

The Application Process

If you have enjoyed reading about life here in the Ampleforth valley, and would like to join the team, we encourage you to apply. Applications should be made via our application form.

Please visit [Ampleforth College- Join the team](#) to start your application.

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the HR Department on 01439 766415 or email employment@ampleforth.org.uk.

The interview process will take place in school. Further details will be provided once the shortlist has been agreed.

Closing date for applications: 11th March, Midday

Interviews will take place week commencing: 16th March

How to reach us

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

York

Board the Reliance Motors Services 31X bus towards Kirkbymoorside on Station Avenue. Exit bus at Ampleforth College and walk 0.2 miles to the College site.

Harrogate

Take the train from Harrogate station to York Station. Walk 280 yards to Station Avenue and board the Reliance Motors Services 31X bus towards Kirkbymoorside. Exit bus at Ampleforth College and walk 0.2 miles to the College site.

Middlesbrough

Take the train from Middlesbrough station to York Station. Walk 280 yards to Station Avenue and board the Reliance Motors Services 31X bus towards Kirkbymoorside. Exit bus at Ampleforth College and walk 0.2 miles to the College site.

BY CAR

Please use <https://what3words.com/couple.shoulders.autumn> or YO62 4EP for Sat Nav

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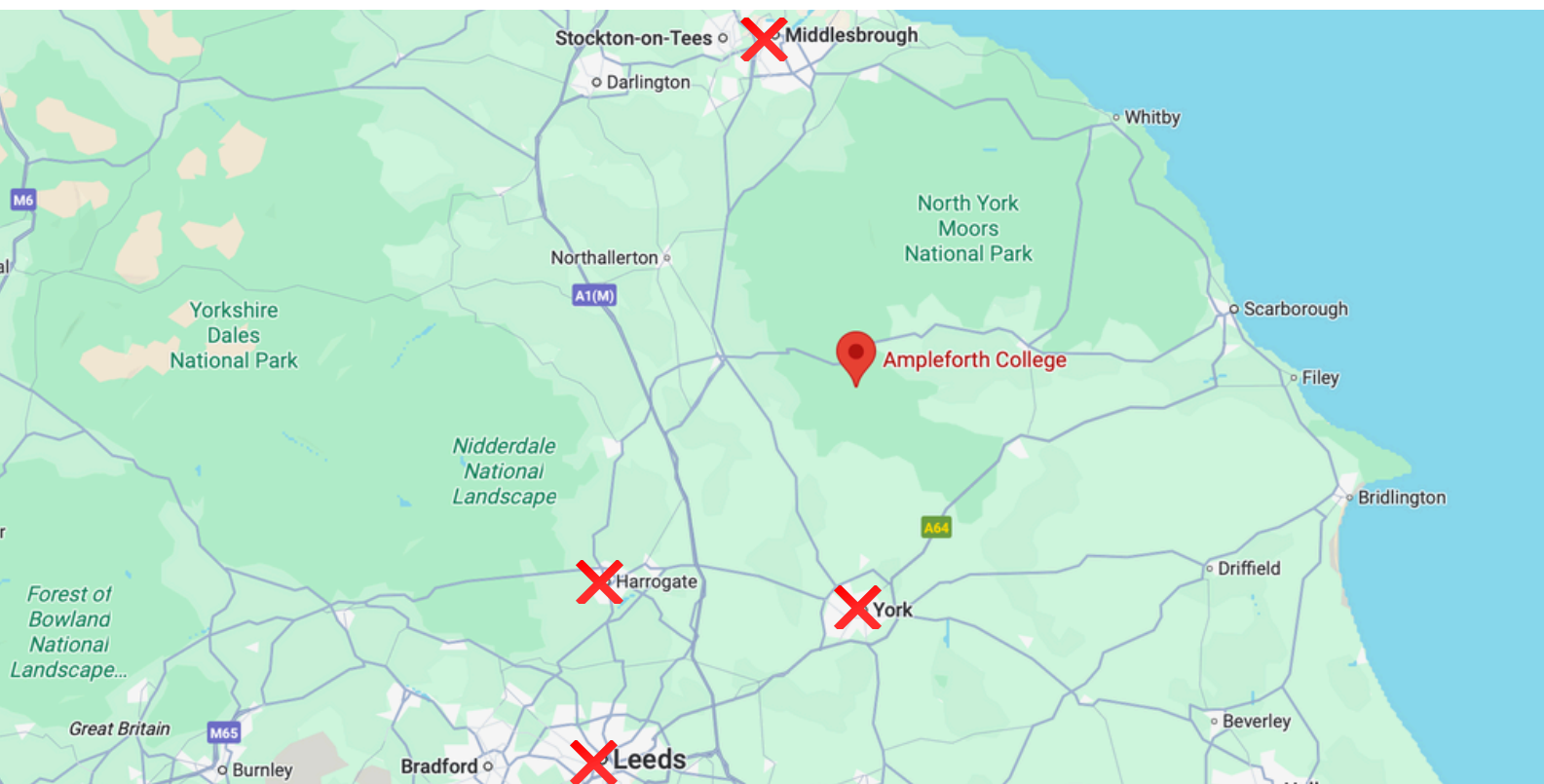
- Via B1363 through Sutton-on-the-Forest, Brandsby and Osbaldwick – 21.9 miles
- Via A64 & B1257 through Stockton-on-the-Forest, Welburn and Hovingham – 25.2 miles
- Via B1257 through Strensall, Terrington and Hovingham – 22.9 miles

Harrogate

- Via A170 through Ripley, Ripon and Thirsk – 36.1 miles
- Via A1(M) & A170 through Flaxby, Dishforth and Thirsk – 39.3 miles
- Via A6055 through Knaresborough, Helperby and Coxwold – 29.7 miles

Middlesbrough

- Via A19 through Crathorne, Ingleby Arncliffe and Thirsk – 39.7 miles
- Via B1257 through Stokesley, Laskill and Helmsley – 32.9 miles
- Via A19 & A170 through Crathorne, Northallerton and Thirsk 43.8 miles





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