



King's College

TAUNTON

**Post of Temporary Art Technician
(part time – 0.7) (Maternity cover)**

Starting September 2017

ABOUT KING'S

King's College is a boarding and day school of approximately 460 pupils. It combines strong academic achievement, traditional values and excellent pastoral care with a progressive, modern outlook, providing girls and boys aged 13–18 with the opportunities, confidence and ability to exploit their potential to the full within a happy and caring environment.

King's Hall Prep School (located some three miles away) combines with King's to provide continuous education from 2-18 and the two schools are run by one Governing Body, with many functions (marketing, strategy and finance for example) undertaken jointly.

King's College has a sound family and community ethos. Just over 60% of the pupils board. A broad range of extra-curricular activities is offered. Good discipline is encouraged in a firm and positive way within a supportive pastoral framework. King's College is strong on manners and social skills. Pupils go on to good universities and professional careers.

For a relatively small school, King's College has an enviable recent record of success. The school has regularly topped GCSE league tables for Somerset in recent years and two departments, DT being one of them, were rated top in the country for their A level results by the Good Schools Guide. The Chapel Choir won the BBC "Choir of the Year" competition, the girls football team are ISFA national champions at U18 level, and the rugby team won the Rosslyn Park Sevens Festival trophy a few years ago.

In short, King's is a purposeful, outward looking, down-to-earth, successful school.

ABOUT TAUNTON

Taunton, the county town of Somerset, is a busy market town with major road and rail links. It is located between junction 25 and 26 on the M5, 25 minutes north of Exeter and 35 minutes south of Bristol. The fast West Country train service reaches Paddington in two hours. Taunton is a growing commercial and residential centre, has a splendid small theatre, the County Cricket Ground, a successful rugby club, a delightful museum and the usual shopping outlets.

THE POST

The art department at King's is very well supported and enjoys a high profile among both pupils and staff. All year 9 pupils study art and then, in Year 10, approximately 25 choose to continue with the subject to GCSE. From September 2016 we will be adding GCSE textile design to our suite of courses and a candidate with a specialism in this area would be at an advantage. Results at GCSE are very good, with over 70% achieving A*, A or B grades in the 2015 exams. At A level we offer both fine art and photography courses and again results are very pleasing, with well over 50% achieving A*, A or B grades every year.

The department employs two full time teachers; one part time teacher and is supported by the part time Art Technician. It occupies a self-contained building, Briar Lea, comprising two main studios, a small gallery, a computer suite and individual rooms for Sixth Form work with a recent extension to the art block, with a new open-plan studio and mezzanine work area.

Art is a popular activity for pupils outside of timetabled lessons and the successful candidate will be expected to support and contribute to such activities.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

We require an enthusiastic, part-time, technician to join the department to cover maternity leave from September 2017 for three terms to support the work of all classes in the subject. The post would suit someone with current art technician or educational experience, or a person moving from an appropriate background who is looking for a career change. The successful candidate will be able to share their expertise and love of the subject while supporting the work of the department in an organised and creative manner. We are primarily looking for experience and ability in textiles, photography and/or fine art.

King's College has a lively and friendly Common Room of over 50 full time teachers, all of whom contribute to the school's outstanding co-curricular programme of sport, music and many other activities. The ability to contribute in some way to this programme would be an advantage, but is not essential in this instance.

APPOINTMENT POLICY

Candidates are expected to have read the enclosed appointment policy and agreed to the terms within.

HOW TO APPLY

Please write a brief letter of application and complete the application form enclosed. Applications should be sent to the address below or submitted by email to SLBaverstock@kings-taunton.co.uk

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The closing date for applications is Wednesday 28 June 2017

Interviews will be held in the week beginning Monday 3 July 2017

Enclosed

Application form

Appointment policy

Job description