

## **Design & Technology**

The Design & Technology department consists of one Curriculum Leader, one other full time teacher and a technician. We are seeking a committed subject specialist with a proven track record of good outcomes at GCSE, who is able to provide strong leadership and support to colleagues in order to improve attainment, which has historically been poor.

Whilst the school's Progress 8 score is good, with outstanding attainment in many departments, including English, maths, science, humanities, MFL, Religious Studies and more, we have had a history of negative progress scores at GCSE in this department for a number of reasons.

The ideal candidate will be able to quality assure the curriculum at both KS3 and KS4, ensuring it is fit for purpose, inspiring, academically challenging, so that it continues to attract large numbers as an option whilst ensuring progress is maximised across all ability groups.

We have two spacious workshops based in the bottom of the South Wing of the school. Both rooms are equipped with ICT facilities such as a projector, computers, printers and Wi-Fi. The department has access to the school iPads and laptops if required. There is a real focus on getting the most out of technology in the department, and to facilitate the use of CAD/CAM we house a 3D printer, a laser cutter and a CAMMI. Teaching and learning resources are shared with staff & pupils using Google Drive.

At KS4 we offer the AQA Design & Technology GCSE and we are set up for the six elements of the new curriculum (wood, graphics, electronics, textiles, plastic, metal). Pupils make their option choices mid-way through Year 8, ensuring that Year 9 is a foundation year for the GCSE. As an option choice our numbers are strong and we have two GCSE classes in each year group.