Academies Enterprise Trust

**Job Description**

**Job Title: Head of Design Technology & Engineering**

**Location: Firth Park Academy**

**Hours of work: As Directed by Principal**

**Reports to: Director of Learning**

**Purpose of the Role:**

General professional duties of all teachers are specified in the Conditions of Employment

Head of Department for the Engineering Department.

**Responsibilities:**

**Particular Duties:**

A Head of Department is responsible for:

**Their own Professional Development**

* keeping up to date with research and developments in pedagogy and in any subjects taught, raising, when appropriate, issues with VP Curriculum.
* evaluating their own teaching critically and use this to improve their effectiveness
* building up a thorough understanding of their professional responsibilities in relation to school policies and practices
* setting a good example to the pupils they teach in their presentation and their personal conduct
* participating in Performance Management arrangements

**Teaching and Managing Pupil Learning**

* identifying clear teaching objectives, content, lesson structures and sequences appropriate to the subject matter and the pupils being taught.
* setting appropriate and demanding expectations for pupils’ learning and motivation.
* setting clear targets for pupils' learning, building on prior attainment and considering each pupil as an individual.
* using IEPs to identify pupils who have special educational needs, and
* ensuring effective teaching of whole classes, groups and individuals so that teaching objectives are met, momentum and challenge are maintained, and best use is made of teaching time.
* using teaching methods which keep pupils engaged, including stimulating pupils’ intellectual curiosity, effective questioning and response, clear presentation and good use of resources.
* setting high expectations for pupils' behaviour, establishing and maintaining a good standard of discipline through well-focused teaching and through positive and productive relationships.
* ensuring that pupils are thoroughly prepared for their examinations and that any examination coursework is completed and marked according to examination board and departmental criteria.
* liaising effectively with support staff working within Department.
* providing extra-curricular activities to extend and challenge pupils for at least two after school sessions per week each of forty-five minutes.

**Monitoring and Assessing Pupil Progress**

* marking and monitoring pupils’ class and homework providing constructive oral and written feedback, setting targets for pupils’ progress.
* assessing how well learning objectives have been achieved and use this assessment for future teaching.
* maintaining full records of attendance, homework, National Curriculum Attainments, and examinations for pupils taught, including members of your tutor group.
* producing and analysing teaching group examination predictions and results as requested by the Head of Department and the VP Teaching and Learning.
* participating in departmental discussions of pupil targets and progress and of the development of strategies to meet departmental target.
* overseeing the pastoral needs of all pupils taught and passing on any concerns to the appropriate member of staff.
* mentoring and negotiating individual targets for tutees.

**Resources within the Department**

* selecting and making good use of learning resources to enable teaching objectives to be met.
* ensuring that stock and equipment is well cared for and economically used.
* ensuring that departmental rooms present a stimulating and tidy environment.
* implementing the Academy Health and Safety Policy.
* Ensuring that Health and Safety policies and practices, for your subject including Risk Assessments, throughout your lessons are in-line with national requirements.

**Communication with Parents**

* attending any appropriate meetings with parents.
* providing informative reports to parents.
* raising particular concerns regarding students with parents.

**Internal Communication**

* representing the views and interests of the Department to Director of Education.
* providing information required by HODs., HOY, SENCO or LG.
* actively participating in Departmental Meetings.

**Staff Absence**

* ensuring that appropriate work has been set and that the resources required are available.
* supporting supply staff who are working within the Department.

# Additional Specific Responsibilities

* as negotiated with the DOL or HOY in the interests of the pupils and of the CPD of the member of staff.

**Other clauses:**

1. The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained in the Teachers’ Pay and Conditions.

2. This job description allocates duties and responsibilities but does not direct the particular amount of time to be spent on carrying them out and no part of it may be so construed.

3. The job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. It will be reviewed at least once a year and it may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after consultation with the holder of the post.

4. This job description may be varied to meet the changing demands of the academy at the reasonable discretion of the Principal/Group/Chief Executive

5. This job description does not form part of the contract of employment. It describes the way the post holder is expected and required to perform and complete the particular duties as set out in the foregoing.

6. Postholder may deal with sensitive material and should maintain confidentiality in all academy related matters.

**Safeguarding**

We are committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate will be required for all posts. This post will be subject to enhanced checks as part of our Prevent Duty.

**Employee value proposition:**

We passionately believe that every child can discover their own remarkable life. It’s what motivates us around here. We know this vision requires something extra. Which is why at AET, you’ll find more. More opportunities, so you can forge your own path. More care and support, so you can prioritise what matters most. More purpose, for you and for the children we’re inspiring. Come inspire their remarkable with us.

**Our values:**

The post holder will be expected to operate in line with our values which are:

* Be unusually brave
* Discover what’s possible
* Push the limits
* Be big hearted

**Person Specification**

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| **General heading** | **Detail** | **Essential requirements:** | **Desirable requirements:** |
| **Qualifications** | Qualifications required for the role | * QTS |  |
| **Knowledge/Experience** | Specific knowledge/  experience required for the role | * Teaching Experience |  |
| **Skills** | Line management responsibilities (No.) | * None |  |
| Forward and strategic planning | * None |  |
| Budget (size and responsibilities) | * None |  |
| Abilities | * Qualified Teacher |  |
| **Personal Characteristics** | Behaviours | * Responsible and Enthusiastic |  |
| **Special Requirements** |  | * Successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check * Right to work in the UK * Evidence of a commitment to promoting the welfare and safeguarding of children and young people |  |