

Generations Multi Academy Trust Goffs Academy



Art and Photography Technician

Required for December 2023/as soon as possible





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H3 (Point 5 - 6) £22,526 - £22,919 (full time equivalent)

Actual salary range of £12,727 - £12,949 (inclusive of fringe)

25 hours per week, term time only

We are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and committed Art and Photography Technician to support our large and successful Art Department at Goffs Academy.

Please note that we may be able to operate flexibility regarding the total number of working hours, and the working days, for the right candidate.

The ideal candidate will be able to demonstrate:

- Excellent organisational and interpersonal skills
- Excellent ability to use initiative and solve problems
- An understanding of how to provide technical support to teaching staff within Art and Photography
- An ability to work proactively within a team

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to gain access to an exclusive range of benefits, including free use of the gym at Goffs Academy, priority student admission to Goffs Academy or other schools in the Trust for your child after 2 years' service, or if the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage, and a generous cash incentive employer referral scheme.

Please contact the HR department on 01992 624375, or by email at recruitment@generationsmat.herts.sch.uk for further details.

Closing date for applications: 9.00am, Friday 24th November 2023

Interviews will be held: Week beginning 27th November 2023

Please note that the Trust reserves the right to interview before this date if strong applications are received, therefore early application is encouraged.

**The school is committed to safeguarding children and young people.
All postholders are subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS check.**



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Art and Photography Technician
Grade:	H3 (Point 5 - 6) £22,526 - £22,919 (full time equivalent) Actual salary range of £12,727 - £12,949 (inclusive of fringe)
Purpose of the Job:	To support the Art and Photography team in delivering excellent lessons through the preparation of resources for lessons, and through assisting in classrooms.
Reports to:	Head of Art and Photography
Staff Reporting to Job Holder:	None
Contacts within each School within the MAT:	Teachers in Art/Photography, Finance, Reprographics
Contacts outside the MAT:	Parents of students, other schools, institutions and organisations, suppliers
Mains Areas of Responsibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the basic running and operation of the department • Storing work in progress and archived work • Aid in mounting of work during exam period • Maintain equipment throughout the department – managing repairs/servicing of equipment. • Operation of kiln – loading and unloading • Recycling clay and ceramic work • Maintaining COSHH cupboard and ensuring risk assessments are up to date • Preparing exemplar materials for lessons • General tidying and cleaning • General departmental administration, including photocopying • Assisting students in their work in lessons • Set up practical lessons in art and photography • Maintaining stocks of consumables/identifying when stocks are low

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacting suppliers, placing and following up orders (using school's finance system) • Assisting with display and the setting up of exhibitions • To be responsible for safeguarding and promoting welfare of children • Administrative tasks – for example trip organisation • Assist in set up and installation of exhibitions • Perform other reasonable duties within scope of skills as directed by line manager.
Knowledge, Experience and Training:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in preparing materials for Art lessons • Experience in basic Art techniques such as painting, clay, print making • Basic knowledge of artists • Experience in using computers and printer, laminator • Basic Excel and Word skills • Basic maintenance of equipment • Organisational skills • Using initiative • Ability to relate to young people • Flexibility and a sense of humour • Evidence through DBS check and recruitment process of suitability for working with young people
Working Environment:	Art classrooms, workroom and storage cupboards, surrounding corridors
Additional Information:	The post holder will need to work effectively in a team whilst also being a self-starter and having high levels of individual motivation and positivity.
Other Specific Duties:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue personal development as agreed at appraisal reviews • To engage actively in the appraisal review process • To address the appraisal targets set by the line manager each Autumn Term • To play a full part in the life of the school community, to support its distinctive aim and ethos and to encourage staff and students to follow this example • To support the school in meeting its legal requirements for worship • To promote actively the school's corporate policies • To comply with the school's Health and Safety policy and undertake risk assessments as appropriate • To show a record of excellent attendance and punctuality • To adhere to the school's Dress Code • To undertake any other reasonable duty delegated by the Principal 	

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task undertaken may not be identified.

Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.

Employees are expected to be courteous to colleagues and provide a welcoming environment to visitors and telephone callers.

The school will endeavour to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition.

This job description is current at the date shown, but following consultation with you, may be changed by Governors to reflect or anticipate changes in the job which are commensurate with the salary and job title.

AGREED BY: _____ **(Job Holder)** **DATE:**

AGREED BY: _____ **(Line Manager)** **DATE:**



PERSON SPECIFICATION

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY TECHNICIAN

Essential:	Desirable:
<p>Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum GCSE English and Maths (Grade C or above) or equivalent • GCSE Art or related art qualification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Level qualification or equivalent in Art or Design subject • Understanding of photography equipment and Photoshop
<p>Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working with young people (11-18 years old) • Experience of working effectively and positively as part of a team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience working in a Secondary school environment
<p>Professional Expertise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent communication skills • Able to manage workload effectively and efficiently. • Competent understanding of Microsoft Excel, Word and other programs • Knowledge of and ability to use technology within the role – photocopier, PC and laptop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of continuing professional development • First Aid trained
<p>Personal Qualities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent organisational / prioritisation and time management skills • Energy, enthusiasm and a “can do” attitude • Tenacity, robustness and able to pursue matters to a close • Able to work flexibly and proactively while maintaining a high level of professionalism • Able to work effectively in a team 	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to work with resilience under pressure and meet deadlines• Possess excellent intrapersonal skills and a high level of emotional intelligence• Be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people• Have a passion for education and have high expectations of all young people• Sense of humour, common sense and the ability to maintain a sense of perspective | |
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ART & PHOTOGRAPHY AT GOFFS

The Department forms a highly collaborative and mutually supportive team of professionals, committed to ensuring that all students are offered a stimulating 'hands on' experience in a wide range of art-related materials and skills. Each student is encouraged to develop their talents and achieve their potential in a safe and supportive environment. We work closely as a team, meeting regularly to review and develop our practice and expertise to meet the needs of our students. As such, the Department is thriving and highly popular, yielding excellent outcomes for students. Both the Academy and the Department actively welcome new ideas, and we look forward to appointing a new Art Technician to both build on current success and to also bring new ideas to our daily work.



Facilities

The Art Department is situated in specialist classrooms in one block at the very front of our school, enabling us to showcase the incredible talent of our students. There are two general Art rooms, plus a specialist Photography room with a space for controlled lighting. There is also a central office and staff resources room. In addition, we have a new kiln housed in a dedicated room.

The department is very well-equipped and owns a set of DSLR cameras, in addition to 3 studio lighting kits and 8 dedicated macro lenses. We also have 20 dedicated networked PCs and a colour A3 inkjet

printer. Within the school there is further access to ICT equipment which is regularly updated, including colour laserjet printers and numerous ICT suites with a range of packages, including Adobe Photoshop.

Curriculum Summary

KS3

- The Key Stage 3 programme of study is specifically focused towards introducing a wide range of core art skills and providing opportunities for students to develop their confidence. All projects are linked to artists, craftspeople or designers across a range of art movements
- All Year 7, 8 and 9 students have 2 lessons of Art per fortnight

KS4

- We currently run full GCSE courses in both Fine Art and Photography (Years 10 and 11). Both courses are well established and students perform extremely well. We currently follow the AQA syllabus which encourages students to develop and evaluate their ideas, discuss their opinions, and take part in peer and self-assessment



KS5

- At Key Stage 5, we offer A Level Fine Art and A Level Photography. Both courses are well-established and consistently yield outstanding results. Both subjects are popular with our students; there is always a healthy intake into Year 12
- Over 70% of our A Level Art students progress to Art College to further their studies

Extra-Curricular Activities within Art

As well as our academic curriculum, we offer numerous sessions after school for GCSE and A Level students. Trips are also run throughout the year to support students with their studies, most recently to the Royal Academy exhibition in London.

Towards the end of the summer term we stage an extensive exhibition of the work that students have produced through the year in the Main Hall. This is run in conjunction with the Design and Technology Department, and has also included performances produced by the Drama Department to showcase the incredible and diverse talents of the students. The event kicks off with a gala opening event for invited guests, for which the Food Department produce canapés. The event is very much a highlight in the school calendar.

If you join us, you will have the opportunity to work with a dedicated and supportive team who all share a deep passion for our daily work. If you are a committed and enthusiastic colleague and leader, who shares our vision and ambition, we would very much like to work with you.



**INFORMATION ABOUT GOFFS
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Welcome to our information pack about Goffs and the Generations Multi Academy Trust. We are a mixed 11-18 comprehensive Academy with approximately 1,600 students on roll, including a thriving and successful Sixth Form. Our Academy is extremely popular in the local area, with an average of over 800 applications annually for the 240 places available, and significant waiting lists for places across the year groups. On intake our students are of a level of prior attainment significantly above that of the national average. We are, though, a true comprehensive school and welcome a mix of students of all levels of prior attainment.

The school has been awarded the International Schools Award twice, Investors in People status three times, and has Sportsmark Gold and Artsmark Silver. We also hold the Secondary Geography Quality Mark, as well as being a designated Leading Edge School, and chairing the national Leadership Partner School network.

Professional Working and Learning Environment

Our school was among those named as part of a £2billion Government scheme, the Priority Schools Building Programme. As a result, Goffs received a completely new build and facilities, and moved into them in January 2017. The school has further invested in an additional new building, which opened in April 2022, which includes 8 brand-new classrooms, as well as a state-of-the-art fitness centre run by Lifestyle Fitness, with whom we work in close partnership.

This significant investment of funds by the Department for Education is a further recognition of the outstanding work being undertaken by the school, and represents another fantastic opportunity for our community. Our school building provides a light, modern, professional and fit for purpose working environment for all.

The Generations Multi Academy Trust

In early 2016, Goffs Academy received a direct approach from the DfE asking that they consider establishing a Multi Academy Trust and work in partnership with other schools. As a result, the Generations MAT, GMAT, was established from 1st September 2016, with Goffs as the lead school within the Trust. Subsequently, the Trust took over the former Cheshunt School and established Goffs-Churchgate Academy, which is now another thriving secondary. Goffs-Churchgate is a fully mixed comprehensive school from 11-16 years of age, with 600 on the roll. Recognising that not all children thrive in large secondary schools, the Trust made a deliberate decision to offer both a larger and much smaller secondary school for local parents to choose between. As such, the decision to cap student

numbers at 600 is entirely deliberate, enabling us to maintain a strong sense of community where everybody knows everybody. Both secondaries enjoy extremely high levels of Year 6 applications, with both being fully over-subscribed. Flamstead End Primary joined the MAT from 1st January 2023, and is another highly successful, thriving and nurturing community, rated “outstanding” by Ofsted. All of the schools are within close proximity of each other and share many activities, including CPD for staff. One of the Trust’s fundamental principles is that no one school is in any way more important or successful than the other. As such, CPD and other events are rotated through all schools in the Trust, with everyone learning from and sharing with each other. This collegiate and collaborative approach permeates our Trust.

From Spring 2023, the MAT opened nursery provision on the Goffs-Churchgate site, with subsidised and term-time only places for staff. The nursery is run by Ashbourne Nurseries - <https://ashbournedaynurseries.com/>

The MAT is extremely clear about its daily purpose, reflected in its motto of “No Set Destiny for Any Child.” All of our schools, leaders and staff fiercely believe in the life-changing nature of education and work tirelessly to that end, day in and day out. There is no set destiny for any of the children in our care; rather, our daily work across the piece allows children to forge new futures and destinies.

The MAT is extremely financially secure. Finances are overseen by a Chief Finance Officer with considerable financial expertise in the private sector, plus a highly experienced Finance Manager. The Trust deliberately created an Income Generation function, and extensive lettings and business development work now takes place across all sites in the MAT. This additional income – now yielding in excess of £500k per annum – underpins generous levels of staffing at both schools, plus many “extras” that would otherwise be unaffordable in the current funding climate. As one example, all teacher loadings were reduced from 19/20 as a direct result of the additional monies coming into the Trust via this income generation work.

We are looking forward to further widening our Trust and to working in partnership with both primary schools and further secondaries. Further information about GMAT can be found here: <https://generationsmat.com/>

Outcomes

Our strategy for continuous school improvement has had huge success and we are actively committed to ensuring that our very popular and successful school, plus the wider MAT, continues as a centre of excellence in the community.

Exam results in 2023 were another year of huge success for Goffs. GCSE highlights include:

- Student progress outcomes which remain above national average
- 75% of students achieved grade 4 or more in English and Maths and 55% achieved 5 or more in both
- English grade 4/5 or more: 77%/64%
- Maths grade 4/5 or more: 80%/61%
- Percentage of grade 7 or more in all subjects: 29%

Crucially, students were well supported in progressing onto a range of exciting destinations. The majority of Year 11 students have continued their studies in the Sixth Form at Goffs, with all others securing a place in further education or training. 65% of Year 13 students secured a university or college place to start in autumn 2023.

At A Level, continuing the upward trend of recent years, students achieved another excellent set of exam results, including an overall 100% pass rate. The wide range of university or further education courses onto which students have progressed include Law, History, Geography, Maths, Finance, Physics and Biomedical Science, whilst many other students progressed directly into employment or apprenticeships. Our Sixth Form has an excellent reputation in the local area, over the past three years the numbers of students applying to join our Sixth Form has continued to increase, such that we now have approximately 400 Sixth Formers within our school community.



We are, of course, very proud of these outcomes. Equally, we are clear that they reflect the start of our journey, not the end. As such, we target set in the top 10% of all schools nationally and strive at all times to meet ambitious targets. We are committed to a cycle of continuous improvement and aspiration and are keen to appoint a colleague who shares that vision, determination and a restless quest for even higher outcomes. All of these factors combine to make Goffs a very exciting and rewarding community to be a part of.

Community

Goffs prides itself on its sense of community – both within the school itself, and in the wider locality. Visitors to our school unfailingly comment on a very real sense of community, coupled with warmth and pride. We are members of Cheshunt Extended Services (ChExS), offering a variety of extended school and community based activities for both students and parents. Our students actively support local charity work such as the Isabel Hospice and the Rainbow Trust, and maintain strong links with our local primary schools. In addition, our young Sports Leaders regularly work in primary schools. Goffs runs a ‘G-Involved’ Volunteering programme, where every Sixth Form student completes 20 hours volunteering during the course of the academic year. Students are rewarded through our annual Pride of Goffs Awards evening.

We firmly believe in every student feeling a strong sense of community and on entering the school, each student is placed in one of four Houses: Eagle, Falcon, Hawk and Phoenix. Each House is led by a team of student House Captains and has a clear sense of identity. Regular competitions and assemblies strengthen this sense of community. Each year the House Captains decide on a possible group of charities to support; students in every year then vote on their chosen school charity. Students within each House then arrange a variety of fund raising events throughout the school year. The House which raises the most money in the year for our school charity is awarded the Charity House Shield. Such work is indicative of Goffs students’ ability to empathise with the needs of others, and further develops their capacity to work successfully in a variety of social settings.



We regularly bring visitors from the community into school to work with students, and maintain strong links with our local secondary schools as a partner school in the Broxbourne Partnership. The school building is used for evening, weekend and holiday classes, providing opportunities for a diverse range of users including the Greek School, and local dance and sports groups.

The Goffs Student Leadership Academy actively encourages leadership development through a series of student led groups. We currently have students enrolled in the Leadership Academy from Year 7 to Year 13, with groups including:

- Student Parliament
- Community and Charity Leaders
- House Leaders
- Sports Leaders
- Top Team

The student groups each have a member of Student Parliament who is responsible for coordinating the group and their projects. Students regularly report back on their work and the impact that it is having both in and outside our school community.

A variety of annual school trips give students the opportunities to sample different cultures, whilst an extensive programme of off-site visits provides opportunities for students to experience the diversity that exists within the UK including theatre, galleries and museum visits. Our overseas trips have included Germany, Spain, USA, Czech Republic, Paris, Berlin and Reykjavik, in addition to a student exchange with a school in Beijing, and annual ski trips to countries such as Italy, Andorra or Austria. In addition, we regularly host students from Spain as part of our specialism work.



Goffs is proud to be a truly comprehensive school, with students and staff from different religions and a number of languages spoken in the school. We recognise and celebrate what makes us unique and different, and acknowledge that we are also part of one community. Our aim is for everybody to feel valued and respected and we strive hard to ensure we create a positive culture within the school to enable this to happen.

Care, Guidance and Support

Successful learning takes place when students feel safe, confident, respected and valued, and are engaged. Goffs believes in supporting and nurturing all students in their quest to become successful learners. As such, we place a high value on pastoral care as an integral part of the life of the school.

We promote positive attitudes towards learning and provide a caring and supportive environment



within our community. We were delighted to see Ofsted's comments that "students' behaviour and attitudes are outstanding" and that "students feel very safe, because bullying is extremely rare and they are very confident that any incidents that concern them will be dealt with swiftly and effectively." Continuously nurturing, supporting and developing our students is hugely important to us and significant investment is made in the school's pastoral structures, including our investing in dedicated Learning Mentors for the school.

Staff Development

Goffs has an extremely strong reputation for staff development, across both teaching and support staff. Developing the next generation of school leaders, both middle and senior, and future Headteachers for those who wish to pursue this, is a responsibility that we take very seriously.

We have a full suite of staff leadership development which staff can join be they an ECT or highly experienced colleague, whilst Alison Garner, Chief Executive Officer of the Generations Trust, chairs the national Leadership Partner School network, a group that brings together schools dedicated to developing outstanding leadership skills throughout their communities, and which allows us to visit other network schools, to attend national conferences and to share best practice.

During our most recent inspection, the team described our whole staff CPD programme as "outstanding" and "the best they had seen". In addition to innovative whole staff training, built into protected time within the fortnightly timetable, we disaggregate a number of hours for training every year. This allows staff development to be highly personalised as staff can opt for the training which best meets their needs, including the opportunity to do a research project in partnership with Cambridge University. All staff complete peer observations to observe best practice, and use our Iris camera technology as part of evaluating and improving their own teaching. Many use their disaggregated time to coach others or to receive coaching. Moreover, there are specific training sessions for ECTs and other interested staff which run every Wednesday after school.

We also place a lot of emphasis on 'on the job' training and support. A thorough induction scheme is available to all new staff, and mentors/buddies are assigned to guide you through those new routines. Finally, external courses can of course be booked if, on very rare occasions, we cannot cater for a particular training need in house.

Leadership Development

Goffs Leadership Academy encompasses both staff and student leadership development through a series of student led groups and staff leadership pathways.

All pathways are personalised for the individual and staff receive one to one support from a mentor alongside working on a whole school project. Both support staff and teaching staff are welcome to join the Leadership Academy at any point in their career.

A full suite of leadership training is offered with a range of sessions including:

- What makes a good leader?
- Leadership and staff motivation
- Leading and managing change
- Being a Lead Practitioner
- Strategic pastoral leadership – being a Director of Learning
- Strategic curriculum leadership – being a Head of Department
- Coaching and mentoring
- Using data in leadership
- Resilience in leadership
- How to make your applications stand out

In addition, we encourage aspirant Senior Leaders to take part in the SSAT ‘Stepping Up to Senior Leadership’ training programme, as well as supporting colleagues to undertake various NPQs (National Professional Qualifications). As part of the school’s commitment to develop future leaders, a number of the existing Senior Leadership Team gained experience through an ‘Associate’ SLT position before gaining substantive leadership posts.

Staff Benefits

Alongside our very strong focus on outstanding professional development and promotion opportunities, we also offer a range of benefits including:

Competitive base salary with a tailor made development plan aimed at enhancing your future [earnings] potential through:

- High quality, personalised CPD
- Bespoke leadership development programmes
- Subsidies for Masters and Degree courses
- Secondment and shadowing opportunities
- As part of our Multi Academy Trust, “Generations”, potential to work across more than one school to develop career enhancing skills and knowledge
- Supported Nursery provision with Ashbourne at any of their nurseries in the **Buckinghamshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Northamptonshire, and Bedfordshire area:**
 - 15% discount for all Trust staff
 - Term time only places are available
- Onsite car valeting at a reduced price for Trust staff
- Substantially discounted membership to Lifestyle Fitness’s state of the art purpose built gym, at Goffs Academy

Additional financial incentives and tax efficient benefits, including:

- Exam marker payment of £400 plus 2 days paid leave to do the marking (1st year)
- Childcare voucher scheme
- Payments for staff taking weekend sporting fixtures: staff paid £200 for leading a minimum of six Saturday fixtures plus 6 weekly training sessions
- A daily allowance of £50 for school trips taken over a weekend or any school holiday

- A £1,000 Employee Referral Scheme (i.e. finder's fee) for any qualifying positions that you refer the successful candidate for: £500 on the person starting, and £500 if the person is still at the school 12 months later

Access to a wide range of health and well-being resources including:

- New, professional and fit for purpose £20million working environment
- Free use of gym
- Occupational Health & counselling support
- Free flu jabs
- Subsidised social events
- 100% attendance reward – day in lieu, taken at the school's discretion
- Free tea, coffee and milk for staff

Mark Ellis
Principal



**GENERATIONS MULTI
ACADEMY TRUST REFERENCE
REQUEST FORM**



Candidate's Name:			
Post:			
Name of Referee:			
School/Company			
Referee's Tel No:			
How long have you known the candidate and in what capacity?			
What is (or was) the candidate's job?			
What is his/her current salary (or salary when leaving your post)?			
When did the candidate work for your organisation?	From:	To:	
If the candidate has left your employment, please state the reason:			
How many days was the candidate off work sick over the last 2 years?			
How many periods of sickness over the last two years?			
Please comment on the candidate's performance history and conduct as your employee:			
Has the candidate had any current disciplinary warnings, or time-expired warnings that concern the welfare or safety of children, if so please give details here:			

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Do you have any concerns about the candidate's suitability for working with children and young people, then please give details here:

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Please comment, if you can, on the candidate's suitability for the post above:

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Please comment, if you can, on the candidate's ability to manage difficult behaviour of children and young people:

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Your signature:	Date of this reference:
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Your name:	
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Your position in your organisation:	
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Section 1 – SUPPORT STAFF

1 = Exceptional	2 = Very Good	3 = Good	4 = Average	5 = Below Average	6 = Not Observed/ Unable to comment
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Area of Evaluation	1	2	3	4	5	6	Further comments if necessary
Workload Management							
Work Knowledge							
Flexibility							
Forward Planning							
Use of Resources							
Relationships with: Students							
Parents							
Colleagues							
Others							
Communication Skills							
Reflective Thinking							
Team Work							
Commitment							
Adaptability							
IT Skills							
Creativity							
Leadership							
Punctuality							
Attendance							
Reliability							
Overall Performance							