**D&T Department**

The Design and Technology department at Ormiston Bushfield Academy are continually striving to provide all students with an engaging curriculum, offering all students the very best experience in learning. We constantly seek new opportunities for students to be creative and take a pride in their achievements. Recent years have seen increasing Grade 4+ (A\*-C) success and more students studying Design &Technology at GCSE. We are a small department that is dynamic in its thinking and celebrates the ethos of ‘teamwork’. We are passionate about promoting students’ learning and we welcome new ideas and perspectives to ensure that learning remains real and relevant.

Design and Technology has changed significantly over recent years. Our students benefit from high quality lessons, where all students are taught in subject specialist rooms, this includes a designated ICT suite for the department. Design and Technology at Ormiston Bushfield Academy is a small faculty housed in the centre of the school. KS3 is taught for double lessons, with a rotation system in place to ensure students have an equal opportunity to develop skills in all Design and Technology disciplines.

Wider learning experiences are an integral part of the department and we offer the students a variety of opportunities to enhance their learning, the Design Technology students are developing links with other subjects implementing the national STEM initiative within our subject area. We are hoping to expand Design and Technology provision in the Sixth Form Curriculum in the future.

The school became an Academy in September 2010 and we have a strong focus on making every child matter. The Design &Technology Department puts this into practice by engaging both the enthusiasm and capability of each child to fulfil and exceed their potential. It is an exciting time to join the Academy as we are now established in a new, state of the art building. Graced with innovative design and the latest educational technology, students are provided with an outstanding learning environment. This is an excellent opportunity for the successful candidate to make a key contribution to the future development of the department, including working in this purpose built new accommodation.

**Curriculum:**

The Design &Technology staff teach a range of year groups and a range of abilities. Students are placed into mixed ability groups we are very fortunate to work with students in class sizes of no greater than 20 to enable safe, purposeful and individualised learning; class sizes are frequently between 17 and 20 students.

# At KS4 we follow the Edexcel Exam board for GCSE Design and Technology & Eduqas Constructing the Built Environment. All courses are popular with students.

**D&T Staff**

Rebecca Rhodes Teacher of Design Technology (Associate Assistant Principal)

Chloe Stevenson Leader of Learning Food Technology

Jamie Jones Teacher of Design Technology (SENCo & Seconded to SLT)