
TEACHER OF DT

Contract Type: Permanent / Full Time
Required for: January 2025
Closing Date for applications: 10am, Monday 7th October 2024

This is an outstanding opportunity to join one of Oxfordshire's most successful schools. Wallingford School is an oversubscribed, 11-18 school with enthusiastic students, supportive staff and excellent facilities. We have an excellent reputation, enjoying strong support from parents and students, and a great relationship with the local community.

We are among the most successful schools in the country for progress in English and Maths. In 2024, 71% of our students achieved at least a grade 4 in English and Maths at GCSE, 54% achieved at least a grade 5 in English and Maths and 30% of all grades achieved were at Grade 7 or above. Vocational grades were similarly impressive, 78% of entries gained at least a Level 2 Pass and 22% at a Distinction or Distinction*. At KS5, our A Level students are consistently in the top 25% nationally for Value Added progress. In our most recent results, 53% of all entries gained A*- B grades and 23% of all entries gained A*- A. In Vocational qualifications, 44% of all entries gained at least a Distinction, with 19% gaining a Distinction*.

These results are great but our school is about much more than just exams. We are an inclusive school which – as the only secondary school in the town – is determined to serve its local community well. Comprehensive school values are important to us. Students of all abilities thrive at Wallingford and we pride ourselves on giving students a chance who may not have had one at other schools.

Staff – both teaching and associate – are happy at Wallingford. Professional development is important to us and our programme is varied but also bespoke to support individual needs and priorities. Our annual two-day Teaching and Learning Conference is probably the highlight of this programme. Student attitudes and behaviour are excellent and are frequently commented upon by visitors as being so. It is an excellent place to work and we are committed to staff wellbeing and a healthy work-life balance for all our colleagues.

THE DT TEAM

The Design Technology Team is a group of strong and reflective teachers consistently delivering great results in all subjects at GCSE and those offered at A Level. It is no surprise that DT subjects at Wallingford are popular options. You would be joining a team of specialist teachers who show all round ability, experience and commitment. The Design Technology rooms and workshops are grouped together in one main corridor which allows for a close and supportive working environment. The accommodation comprises of a Product Design room, two Resistant Materials workshops, a Textiles room, two Food rooms, an ICT suite, a materials preparation room and a purpose built Sixth Form room.

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This post will offer the successful applicant the opportunity to contribute to the work of the department in a variety of ways and we are looking for someone who is able to offer their own ideas, work as part of a team and teach across the age range.

KS3

KS3 students are taught in mixed-ability groups. We all follow a rotation system in each year where students have approximately 8-10 weeks in Product Design/CAD, Food, Graphics, Resistant Materials and Textiles. We use pupil-friendly assessment objectives for all major pieces of work in KS3.

GCSE

At KS4, many students choose to study one or more Design Technology subject as part of an open options process. In 2024, 74% of grades achieved across Design Technology subjects were at a Grade 4 + and 55% at a Grade 5 +. We follow AQA Specifications in Food, Art and Design Textiles, and OCR DT: Resistant Materials or DT: Product Design. DT has always been a popular choice within the school curriculum with many groups at GCSE.

A-Level

At KS5 we have both A Level and Vocational offers. Again, students make significant progress in these subjects. At A level we follow OCR Product Design and AQA Art and Design Textiles, and Level 3 Food Science and Nutrition. Again, students make significant progress in these subjects.

SELECTION CRITERIA – DT

Essential:

The successful candidate will:

- Hold Qualified Teacher Status
- Have an Enhanced DBS Certificate
- Have the ability and quality to teach DT across the age and ability range
- Be a good, enthusiastic team member
- Be a reflective practitioner, who has the potential to develop his/her own career further
- Have the ability to communicate effectively with staff, parents and students

Desirable:

The successful candidate will:

- Have enthusiasm for DT
- Believe that students are capable of high standards, and expect them to achieve
- Have the capacity to develop our pupils in DT
- Enjoy working as part of a team and sharing expertise
- Be keen to contribute to the development of the department

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- Have competent ICT skills
- Have experience teaching 2D Design and or CAD
- Have experience of teaching Product Design at KS5

GENERAL DUTIES

At Merchant Taylors' Oxfordshire Academy Trust we pride ourselves on providing a safe and happy environment where young people can flourish and we want to send every young person into the world able and qualified to play their full part within it. This job description should be read in conjunction with the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document and the provisions of that document will apply to the post holder. Merchant Taylors' Oxfordshire Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Criminal Records Bureau checks along with other relevant employment checks.

You will be expected to carry out the professional duties of a teacher as outlined in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document currently in operation, or any subsequent legislation. The performance of all the duties and responsibilities shown below will be under the reasonable direction of the Headteacher, or other Senior Manager if appropriate, who will be mindful of his/her duty to ensure that the employee has a reasonable workload and sufficient support to carry out the duties of the post.

The successful candidate will be expected to be a form tutor and help with the delivery of the school's PSHE programme. In addition to support from within the DT team, newly appointed staff are able to benefit from the induction support programme.

You will find many opportunities at Merchant Taylors' Oxfordshire Academy Trust and we look forward to receiving your application.

TEACHERS PENSION DETAILS

The link for teaching staff to the Teachers' Pension website is:

<https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/>

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Merchant Taylors' Oxfordshire Academy Trust employs teaching staff working at Wallingford Schools Academy on the conditions of service contained in the General Terms and Conditions of Employment for Teaching Staff which can be found at <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/teachers-conditions-employment>

Please see our privacy notice:

<http://www.wallingfordschool.com/index.php/documents/category/24-privacy-notice>

TO APPLY

Please complete the attached application form and email to recruit@wallingfordschool.com

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