



THE PARK
COMMUNITY
SCHOOL



Teacher of DT - Application Pack

For an experienced colleague looking to hold a leadership role within the DT team (Second in Department), a TLR2a will be available for the right candidate.

Start Date: 01/09/2026

Closing date: 23rd April

Interviews: 30th April

Contract Type: Permanent, Full-Time

Salary: MPS / UPS

Welcome from the Headteacher



Park has a proud history and powerful sense of tradition with the origins of the school dating back to 1910. We have an excellent reputation within our local community and beyond.

Our vision is for every student to achieve to the best of their potential. In working towards this we recognise the need for a highly skilled, suitably qualified, and motivated staff.

We can only achieve our vision by working alongside colleagues to create the right climate and culture for teaching and learning, allowing teachers to focus on teaching and their own development.

As a school we are keen to develop and maintain links with a range of schools and educational establishments. These links provide opportunities for learning, discussion, reflection, and staff development to enable everyone to deliver the best education for our students.

The school is a member of a The Harbour Schools Partnership (THSP) involving our main primary feeder schools. This allows for excellent collaboration between partner schools, staff development, and primary/secondary partnership.

You would be part of a dynamic and supportive department. The school has an extensive support programme to ensure you be supported and equipped with quality, timely, and meaningful CPD including 'true', non-judgemental, coaching. If this role interests you, please do apply or call for an initial chat.

Ms V Owen

Why choose North Devon?



South West England | Situated on the outskirts of Barnstaple town | Easy access to North Devon Coast | Nearby sandy beaches and cliff walks | Close to Exmoor & Dartmoor National Parks | Low crime rates | Affordable house prices

Devon is consistently voted one of the best places to live in England due to a better quality of life, stunning landscapes, world-class beaches, wild moorland, vibrant cities, and historic towns and villages.

About The Park Community School

The Park is one of two 11-16 comprehensives in Barnstaple. Park was opened in 1972 following the re-organisation of selective education in the town; however, the origins of the school date back to 1910, with the site housing both the Boys and Girls grammar schools. Many elements of the original buildings remain and these help to link the school to its proud and strong history.

The school currently educates 1450 students, mainly from the town of Barnstaple and outlying villages. In recent years, the popularity of the school has meant that the geographical catchment has increased, with many students now travelling some distance to join us.

On joining the school, each student is assigned to one of our five houses: Fortescue, Raleigh, Drake, Chichester or Kingsley. Siblings will also join the same house meaning that the Head of House creates a strong relationship with students and families over time. Each house contains two tutor groups from each year group. Students recognise the strength of the house system and value this greatly. It creates a family environment within the school and leads to healthy competition in sports and other inter-house activities. From September 2022, we will also have Heads of Year who will support one year group closely as students move through the school- creating a more stable and student-centred relationship and support system.

The school is led by a dynamic leadership team whom all share the school passion and drive to develop quality teaching and learning. The school is forward looking and sets itself high standards and expectations.



Park is a part of The Harbour Schools Partnership (THSP). The Trust supports Park and ensures academic rigour, collaboration and the further development of teaching and learning. The school also belongs to Education Futures North Devon, an association that covers North Devon providing supportive mechanisms between partner schools for staff training, developing and sharing ideas.

The school is a member of the Southwest Institute for Teaching (SWIFT), a great provider of CPD. The governors are keen for the school to form strategic alliances with appropriate bodies to ensure school development.

The Job Description

We are seeking a full time DT Teacher who can teach KS3 & KS4 to join the team in September 2026.

The successful candidate will be enthusiastic about teaching and have a passion for the subject. We are interested to hear from professionals that have the ability to make an impact in the classroom and beyond, a track record of high-quality outcomes in the classroom and for someone who has a commitment to students of all abilities in our comprehensive secondary school. We are open to considering experienced teachers, Early Careers Teachers, or non-qualified teachers with relevant teaching experience.

We would also be excited to hear from colleagues who are able to support the development of teaching, learning, and curriculum across the DT team. If you would like to be considered for this TLR holding position, please highlight this explicitly in your application, and explain your experiences of improving outcomes beyond your own classroom.

The DT Department

The department consists of five full-time colleagues and two part-time teachers. Teachers are supported by two D&T based technicians. Staff deliver the full range of technology areas across years 7, 8 and 9 on a rotation basis. Year 7 and 8 students receive three 75 minute lessons per fortnight with Year 9 having two.

GCSE students receive 4 75 minute lessons per fortnight. Currently the department offers a range of examined courses including GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition (AQA), GCSE Design Technology (AQA), Hospitality and Catering (WJEC) and Cambridge Nationals in: Child Development, Engineering and Engineering Manufacture.

The department is based across 7 specialist teaching rooms with Textiles and Child Development being taught in two of our newest spaces.

The department have access to a range of specialist facilities and resources alongside access to a bank of chromebooks for use in teaching spaces.

This is a great opportunity for new entrants or experienced colleagues to join a dynamic and supportive department. This is a particularly interesting and rewarding time for you to join us; we shall provide every possible opportunity for your professional development and future career. Staff with experience of teaching Engineering are particularly encouraged to apply for the role.

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Key Tasks

- To teach Design and Technology to Key Stage 3 and GCSE level.
- For an experienced candidate, a Second in Department role is available, with leadership TLR

Key Duties and Accountabilities:

- Teach DT across the age and ability range in such a way as to challenge and inspire all students, with clear objectives, delivered in line with department schemes of work and school policies.
- Plan and deliver lessons to students according to their educational needs and with reference to prior attainment, SEN and EAL as required, striving to ensure equal opportunities for all and to provide students with the opportunity to achieve their potential.
- Assess, record and report on the development, progress and attainment of students in line with school policies, ensuring that marking and assessment are of consistently high quality and in accordance with the school assessment policy.
- Maintain effective behaviour management in the classroom, using positive behaviour strategies to ensure students fully engage in the lesson.
- Monitor the progress and achievement of the students following the course and identify the appropriate intervention strategies for underachieving students.
- Set high expectations for students and develop their attitude for learning through focused teaching and through the development of positive and productive relationships.
- Manage, develop and share resources to enhance teaching of DT..
- Promote enrichment and extension of DT across the department, participating and developing events, trips and visits.
- Contribute to objectives of the curriculum area within the school objectives and take part in an annual review of the subject and curriculum area.
- Embrace the continued professional development programme within the school, striving to be a lifelong learner, maximising opportunities to make impact within the role.
- Be familiar with, fully support and reinforce the aims, ethos, policies and procedures of the school and Trust with students, staff, parents and other stakeholders where and when appropriate.

Additional TLR Holder Accountabilities:

- Working as Second in Department, taking a full and active role in the leadership of the DT department to secure the best possible outcomes of students at Park School.
- Support the development of the quality of teaching and learning through coaching, review, and quality assurance.
- Support the development of a high-quality DT curriculum.

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Pastoral Responsibilities

The pastoral role is of prime importance in supporting the ethos of the school as a place where students can be happy and confident and feel encouraged to work hard.

Form Tutor

- Promote the general well-being and progress of students in the tutor group.
- Provide guidance and advice to students on educational and social matters and to respond to their individual needs quickly and in a constructive manner.
- Carefully monitor attendance, punctuality and reasons for absence, keeping a register in accordance with legal requirements.
- Communicate with parents in consultation with the Head of Year and Teaching & Learning Leader.
- Record information on students and raise, where appropriate with the Head of Year.
- Support and participate in year group activities.
- Attend Year Team and House meetings.
- Deliver the PSHEE curriculum in line with the school timetable.

General

- Attend all departmental and staff meetings.
- Play an active part in the life of the school, sharing the aims and objectives of the school.
- Contribute to the protection of children as appropriate, in accordance with any agreed policies and/or guidelines, reporting any issues or concerns to the School's Child Protection Lead.
- Play an active role in your own CPD and share development ideas with others.
- Uphold the teacher standards and make a positive contribution to the life of the school.

Our Safeguarding Commitments

As part of THSP we have strict Safer Recruitment Employment standards and checks will be carried out as part of our commitment to Safer Recruitment.

We do not accept Curriculum Vitae.

Any successful candidate would be subject to a fully enhanced DBS check, and would be expected to adhere to our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy as well as other mandatory policies.

For more information, please contact Sarah.Langford@THSP.org

The Person Specification

We expect our staff members to role model positive behaviours for young people, be resilient and adaptive in a school with rapidly changing needs and help promote a supportive and compassionate working environment.

Shortlisting will be ranked based on the essential criteria (set out in the table below) being evidenced where possible in your application form. Candidates who are successfully shortlisted, will be invited to an interview to explore their suitability for the job.

The Park Community School, and THSP, is a Disability Confident Committed employer. If you are disabled and meet the minimum essential criteria (highlighted), you will be guaranteed an interview. Please complete the information on Page 15 of the Application Form.

We know there is no 'perfect' candidate, so if you meet most of the criteria and feel you would be an asset to the team, we encourage you to apply. We provide training and mentoring to give you the best opportunity to excel in your role. The table below is not exhaustive, and many more personality traits and skills are required to join the team.

In addition to the interview, you may be required to perform a Task and or undergo an Observation of skills in practice. If applicable, this is shown in the Assessment Method column below as follows:

A = Application

I= Interview Questions

T = A Task

O = An Observation

R = References

The Person Specification

Application (A), Interview, (I), Reference (R)

Attributes	Essential	Desirable	Measured by
Qualifications	<p>Graduate (2:2 or above) (unless unqualified applicant)</p> <p>PGCE or equivalent (unless unqualified applicant)</p> <p>Appropriate evidence of in-service training.</p> <p>Qualified Teacher Status (unless unqualified applicant)</p>	<p>A commitment to further professional development.</p>	<p>A, I</p>
Experience	<p>Experienced teacher or Early Careers Teacher.</p> <p>Teaching experience across a broad age and ability range in KS3 and KS4.</p>	<p>Experience of teaching across a range of DT subjects</p> <p>TLR Position: Experience of developing T&L and improving outcomes</p>	<p>A, I, R</p>
Knowledge	<p>Excellent curriculum knowledge.</p> <p>Knowledge of GCSE specification.</p>		<p>A, I, R</p>
Skills	<p>Excellent classroom management skills.</p> <p>Ability to enthuse students of all abilities to achieve their very best.</p> <p>Reflective practitioner who is willing to be coached to improve their own practice.</p> <p>Ability to use assessment to improve students' learning and progress.</p>	<p>TLR Position: An ability to coach and support colleagues in improving their practice.</p>	<p>A, I, R</p>
Other Requirements	<p>Ability to form excellent working relationships with other members of staff.</p> <p>High expectations of students.</p> <p>To have inclusive practice at the core of your teaching.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of Child Protection and Safeguarding requirements within an education setting.</p>	<p>Career ambition.</p> <p>Enthusiasm to support extra curricular activities.</p>	<p>A, I, R</p>
Personal Characteristics	<p>Enthusiastic, energetic, innovative and ambitious.</p> <p>Able to work independently and be a team player.</p>	<p>Emotionally intelligent and engaging.</p>	<p>A, I, R</p>

How to Apply

Apply via our Application Form which can be found on our website <https://theparkschool.org.uk/joining-us/staff-vacancies/>

If you wish to discover more about this exciting opportunity, need any further information or you wish to have an informal discussion, please contact us on the telephone number below.



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