

BURNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Design & Technology Technician

JOB APPLICATION PACK



Embracing Challenge

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How to apply:

Please download an application form from our website and send your completed form to:

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Burnham Grammar School

Hogfair Lane

Burnham

Buckinghamshire

SL1 7HG

Or email to vacancies@burnhamgrammar.org.uk

<https://www.burnhamgrammar.org.uk/join-our-team/vacancies>

Please note we do not accept CVs

Closing Date: 10am on Monday 20 July 2026

Interviews: To be confirmed

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Thank you for the interest you have shown in this vacancy

HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in applying for this role at Burnham Grammar School. I do hope that the information attached encourages and inspires you to make a formal application for this post.

Our diverse community of staff, students and parents believe that this is a truly unique school. Our students are bright and eager to do well. They are hardworking, but also full of personality and a joy to teach, reflecting the diversity of their backgrounds and cultures. They contribute fully to school life, are proud of the part that they play and continue to surprise me on a daily basis with their acts of kindness and their generosity of spirit. We frequently receive comments from the local community about the fantastic contribution that our students make and visitors to our school are always quick to compliment us on our caring and inclusive ethos. However, our students do not always understand or believe how talented they are. We have continued to build upon this community atmosphere, which was noted by Ofsted in December 2022:

“Pupils enthusiastically embrace challenge and enjoy learning here. Pupils, including those in the sixth form, benefit from high aspirations set for them by leaders and staff. This includes disadvantaged pupils and pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities(SEND). ”

The staff are a uniquely close-knit, supportive and considerate team and the caring ethos makes this a rewarding place to work and develop. I was pleased that Ofsted recognised that “The headteacher’s commitment to involving staff at all levels in the school’s development is nurturing a loyal and dedicated staff.” Staff opinion and involvement is highly valued and if appointed you will find that you are fully supported in successfully fulfilling your role and gain experience to help your career progression through personalised and targeted professional development. The involvement of the staff in the running of the school and in the development of key policies, and our continual efforts to support a work-life balance, have been reflected in us retaining the prestigious Investors in People Gold Award in 2021. The successful candidate will play an active part in the further development of both learning and teaching and other aspects of school life.

Our last Ofsted was an ungraded inspection that confirmed us to continue to be at least a Good school [Ofsted 2022 Report](#). Our community was pleased that Ofsted recognised the many areas of ‘exemplary practice, and are unanimously resolute in continuing on our journey of improvement. Through our tailored CPD programmes we support many teachers on the difficult transition from good to consistent and sustainable outstanding practice through our focus on **Responsible Learning**. This has increased the quality of learning, which is also reflected in our significantly positive progress measures at both GCSE and A level . We are now entering an exciting stage in the school’s development with a unwavering determination to be rightfully recognised as an Outstanding school and a national beacon of best practice that provides inspirational learning experiences to every student every day , both inside and outside of the classroom. In November of 2022 this exceptional practice was recognised when we were designated as a National Centre of Excellence by the Inclusion Quality Mark.

In October 2021 we moved into our brand new school which will provide staff and students with world class facilities to inspire and support their learning and ambitions. These facilities will also provide opportunities for us to broaden our incredible extracurricular offer to students, a vital part of life at Burnham Grammar to broaden students horizons and raise their aspirations.

Not every candidate will be suited to the ethos of the Burnham Grammar learning community or able to fully contribute to our journey to be recognized as an exceptional school leading the development of practice nationally . Candidates for this post will already be exceptional and reflective practitioners or possess the qualities and desire to become exceptional.

HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

We are, of course, proud of our examination results but students' education at Burnham Grammar goes far beyond the academic. The exceptional and diverse range of extra-curricular opportunities and activities inspires and develops students' characters and resilience and exposes them to a range of unique experiences and challenges. We are passionate about the wider development of each individual student to ensure that they positively contribute to their communities now and in the future. This outstanding practice is reflected in us achieving a number of national awards such as the Music Mark Award, Gold Kitemark for Sport, the International School Award and winning the Stonewall School Award.

We welcome applications from the right candidates regardless of age, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, belief or race and want members of staff who have interests and expertise that goes beyond the classroom and physical boundaries of the school. With 61 different first languages spoken by students we are a very diverse school and would want our staff to reflect this diversity.

Quite simply Burnham Grammar School is an idyllic learning community where the relationships and teamwork between staff and students are fostered with care and the key strength of the school. We provide the support and reassurance for our students to develop the resilience and mindset to strive to be their very best. Our school aims are summarised by the overarching motto :

“Embracing Challenge”

Our students are constantly challenged and supported to volunteer answers at the edge of their understanding and learn from their mistakes to ensure that they fulfil and surpass their potential at each key stage and have the confidence and resilience to aspire to and achieve their dreams.

I do hope that you will decide to make an application to join us and that we will have the opportunity to welcome you to our learning community and meet you in person.

To hear more about working at Burnham Grammar please use this link

[Working at Burnham Grammar School Video](#)

Yours sincerely



Dr A Gillespie
Headteacher

BENEFITS OF WORKING AT BGS

- Enthusiastic, motivated and intelligent students
- An outstanding culture & ethos where students & staff enjoy & achieve
- A socially and culturally diverse school community
- End of Term Socials – Christmas/Summer cricket etc.
- Friday treats
- Free lunch provided on INSET Days for all staff
- Generous Pension Schemes for staff – TPS for Teachers and LGPS for Support staff
- Day off for Religious observance e.g. Diwali, Eid, Vaisakhi, Hanukkah etc.
- CPD opportunities for all staff
- Gold IIP Award & IIP Champion reflects personalised and nationally recognised CPD
- Free Parking

BENEFITS OF WORKING AT BGS

- Free tea/coffee for all staff
- State of the art facilities in our brand new building
- A bespoke induction programme for all staff joining the school, tailored to individual requirements such as for those new to the teaching or working in schools.
- Cycle to work scheme
- Wellbeing Award

Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) provider, Health Assured which is available to ALL employees free of charge and offers:

- Emotional Support with Relationship and family issues or worries
- Loss, including loss of job, friend or family member through bereavement
- Financial concerns, budgeting, borrowing or tax credits
- Work life & Health including Stress Management



Burnham Grammar School
 "Pupils enthusiastically embrace challenge and enjoy learning"
 (Ofsted Dec 2022)

Design & Technology **Technician**

Permanent, Term Time + 3 weeks, 37 hours per week
Bucks Pay Scale 3 £29,114 pa - £31,230 pa FTE,
Actual Salary £26,522 pa - £28,449pa

Required for September 2026

**11-18 Mixed Grammar School
NOR 1265 (6th Form 368)**

**"The behaviour of pupils is
exemplary. Pupils
enthusiastically embrace
challenge and enjoy
learning."
(Ofsted December 2022)**

Lead school in small MAT

2025 A Level:

89% A*-C grades

71% A*-B grades

40% A*-A grades

2025 GCSE:

93% grade 5-9

56% grade 7-9

32% grade 8-9

**59% of students achieved 5 or
more grade 7-9 at GCSE**

We are offering you:

- State of the art facilities
- A diverse community of enthusiastic, motivated & intelligent students
- An outstanding culture & ethos where students & staff enjoy & achieve
- A supportive ADT department (ADT consists of Art, Design Technology and Food Technology)
- Personalised & effective CPD as evidenced by the school's IIP Gold retained in Feb 2024
- Wellbeing Award for staff & students 2025
- IQM Centre of Excellence retained in Nov 2024

We want from you:

- Experience of working in a related practical field
- The ability to work independently and demonstrate initiative as required
- The ability to work to deadlines and prioritise tasks
- An effective communicator and well organised
- The ability to work with students to improve their work
- Experience of working in schools is desirable but not essential
- To be a good team player

**"Staff appreciate the support and time they get to develop
their own subject expertise. Leaders have adopted an
approach to assessment that is manageable for staff and
purposeful for pupils."
(Ofsted December 2022)**

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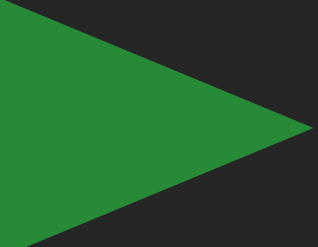
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JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Design & Technology Technician

LOCATION: Burnham Grammar School

GRADE: Bucks Scale: 3

DEPARTMENT: Art, Design and Technology (ADT)

REPORTS TO: Head of ADT

MAIN PURPOSE OF JOB:

To provide an efficient and effective support service within the DT department; specifically, to provide technical and practical in class support and preparation.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Primarily to support the work of the design and technology department by ensuring that the resource and material requirements of the department are effectively met
2. Prepare materials, equipment and resources for DT lessons
3. Administrative tasks e.g. filing, photocopying and laminating
4. To organise any repair and maintenance of equipment, including tool sharpening ensuring all equipment is maintained in a good working order
5. To undertake routine maintenance of workshop/classroom equipment and to maintain all equipment and utensils in good working condition
6. To ensure that equipment and working areas are kept in clean and tidy order, specifically after lessons
7. To provide technical support during lessons, including individual or small group pupil support where appropriate



JOB DESCRIPTION

General

1. To assist the Head of ADT in reviewing, modifying and implementing systems as and when required
2. To assist the Operations Manager in reviewing and implementing health and safety systems when required
3. To carry out any broadly similar duties as may be required from time to time
4. To have due regard to health and safety of self, staff, students and visitors and have responsibility for bringing matters of concerns to the attention of the Operations Manager
5. To occasionally escort and supervise students on educational visits and out of school activities
6. To write standing operating procedures documents for the post
7. To comply with, practise and promote school policies and procedures
8. To participate in appropriate meetings with colleagues and governors
9. Follow school policies and procedures especially those relating to child protection, health and safety and ensure that all actions meet the Data Protection Act and the requirements of GDPR using the school policy and relevant Privacy notices.
10. Assist the senior leadership team in reviewing, modifying and implementing systems as and when required
11. Carry out any other reasonable professional duty as requested by the Headteacher
12. Ensure filing of all documents related to individual students, including letters, emails, contact forms and evidence to support any exclusions
13. Undertake occasional whole class supervision in the absence of class teachers, setting work previously prepared by the teacher
14. To update or edit sections of the school website as directed

Date Prepared...June 2026.....

This document must not be altered, without consultation with all relevant parties, once it is signed.

Signature of Postholder..... Date.....

Signature of Headteacher..... Date.....

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Qualifications	Essential	Desirable
ICT literate in Design and Technology related software and for record keeping purposes	✓	
Health and Safety at Work including safe storage and use of COSHH substances.	✓	
First Aid at Work		✓
Some knowledge of the capabilities of CAD/CAM facilities (in-house training will be provided)		✓
Previous Work Experience		
Experience of working with students across KS3 & 4		✓
Experience of working with students across KS5		✓
Experience of working in a socially and culturally diverse school community		✓
Professional Knowledge Skills & Experience		
Ability to demonstrate and provide technical support when working with a variety of hand tools and machinery such as band and fret saw, soldering iron through experience of woodworking, metal work or engineering type activities or similar	✓	
Experience of compliance with the safe operation of tools and machinery within the workshop. A knowledge of setting up tools, materials and equipment for specific lessons.		✓
Experience of working with students in the classroom environment and maintaining confidentiality of school information		✓
An awareness of the requirement for safe disposal of surplus equipment as and when directed		✓
Ability to repair damaged equipment, including small bandsaw, fret saw, soldering irons and highlight any specific repairs for external fixing		✓
Ability to be innovative with the tools, machinery and materials within the department		✓
People Management Skills		
A patient and calm persona when providing guidance to young people	✓	
A strong belief and recognition of the vital role and diverse skills of all members of staff	✓	

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Other Personal Qualities	Essential	Desirable
A firm and active commitment to safeguarding and child protection	✓	
Good communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to mix easily and work with students, parents and staff.	✓	
Be practical, resourceful and flexible and be able to take the initiative when required	✓	
Highly organised	✓	
Creativity in problem solving together with a willingness to take on or try new approaches & ideas	✓	
A willingness to support, take part in or run wider and extra-curricular opportunities for students		✓
Ability to work as part of a team or individually as directed by the Head of Department	✓	
A willingness to undertake certified training in new technologies		✓
Capable of working without supervision with energy and enthusiasm	✓	
Be responsible for your continued professional development with the support of the Head of Department	✓	
The school is fully committed to the DfE guidance on Safeguarding Children and Safer Recruitment in Education and all candidates for the post will therefore be subject to vetting procedures following Buckinghamshire County Council's guidance on Safer Recruitment and Selection in Schools.		

MAKING AN APPLICATION

How to Apply

To apply for this position, you will need to complete our application form which you can download from our website under the vacancy details:

[Burnham Grammar School Vacancies](#)

Completed applications should be sent to **vacancies@burnhamgrammar.org.uk** by the closing date and time on the job advert.

Please note only fully completed application forms will be considered and we do not accept CVs.

Shortlisting

Applications will be assessed based on the information provided on the application form and will be shortlisted if they fulfil the criteria for the role and the person specification. Shortlisting may take place before the deadline for applications has passed.

If you are shortlisted for interview you will be sent a self declaration form about any criminal disclosures. You will need to complete and return this disclosure form at least one day prior to interview. If we have not received this, we reserve the right to withdraw the offer of interview.

The Trustees of the Beeches Learning and Development Trust reserve the right to re-search applicants on social media platforms and the internet and to use this as part of the shortlisting process

If you have not been contacted within 3 weeks of the closing date, you must assume that your application has, on this occasion, been unsuccessful.

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References

It is the normal practice for references to be obtained before any formal interview.

You will need to provide details of two people who have knowledge of you in a working / educational environment, paid or unpaid.

The first reference should be your present or most recent employer and a contact at your last post working with young people if you are not currently doing so.

If you are a student give appropriate school or college referees.

References must cover a 5-year consecutive period.

Interview

If you are shortlisted for interview you will be sent an invite to interview letter with all the interview details via email. Interviews will include a panel interview, a tour of the school, a student panel interview and a chance to meet members of the team informally over either coffee or lunch.

Teaching posts will include teaching a lesson and support staff roles will include an administration task relevant to the role in which you are interviewing for.

Successful Appointments

All successful appointments are subject to satisfactory references, Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), Health Checks, proof of Right to Work in the UK and satisfactory checks on the Teaching Regulatory Agency.

PRIVACY NOTICE

Short Form Privacy Notice For Application Forms

This notice explains what personal data we will hold about you, how we collect it, and how we will use and may share information about you during the application process. We are required to notify you of this information, under data protection legislation.

Please ensure that you read this notice as well as our privacy notice which can be found at on our website under Vacancies which detail how we use your information.

Why Do We Collect This Information?

Once you have submitted an application form, the School use this information in order to take a decision on recruitment and to take steps to enter into a contract.

What Information Do We Collect?

We collect the following information from the application form in order to take a decision as to recruitment: surname, forename(s), previous surnames, preferred title, address for correspondence, home, work and mobile telephone number, email address, national insurance number, details of current and past employers, details of previous employment details including salary, details of your qualifications, details of your relationship with the Teaching Regulation Agency and your induction period (where applicable), your referees, right to work in the UK status, any disabilities, religion, gender, ethnicity and any criminal convictions. We will also collect any other information you choose to share with us during the process.

How we may share the information

We may also need to share some of the above categories of personal information with other parties, such as HR consultants and professional advisers. Usually, information will be anonymised but this may not always be possible. The recipient of the information will be bound by confidentiality obligations. We may also be required to share some personal information as required to comply with the law.

How long we keep your information

We keep the personal information that we obtain about you during the recruitment process for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which it is processed. How long we keep your information will depend on whether your application is successful and you become employed by us, the nature of the information concerned and the purposes for which it is processed. Full details on how long we keep personal data for is set out in our data retention policy.

Please find below the link to our vacancies page on our website where you can find the full Privacy Notice for Job Applicants

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Please find below the link to our policies page on our website where you will find our Child Protection policy and Recruitment of ex-offenders policy.

[Burnham Grammar School Policies](#)

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[Investors in People Report](#)

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