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Director of Innovation

If you have a passion for innovation and improving learning experiences for young people, Abbot Beyne would like to hear from you. We seek to engage a talented and committed professional as our 'Director Of Innovation', which is a new and pivotal senior role being introduced in 2021.

We are looking for someone capable of driving innovation, to enhance learning opportunities. An individual committed to delivering positive outcomes for our young people, our staff, our families, and the wider community.

Through strong leadership, enthusiasm for learning and the ability to inspire and motivate others as a role model, you will develop a strategy that will harness the key strengths and energy of our departments and staff across the school.

This post will provide opportunities to establish innovative ways of leading and managing digital learning as well as allowing the development of creative approaches and solutions which will further raise standards and create a climate of success for everyone.



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We are looking for someone who is able to understand and shares our vision for digital learning and is able to plan and deliver the next phase of our digital learning strategy. The right person will be able to ensure that Abbot Beyne is in the best possible position to take advantage of the new and exciting opportunities afforded in a learning environment, when technology is deployed, understood and used effectively.

Having successfully introduced our Digital Learning Programme six years ago, we are now looking to drive forward with the next phase of the programme for our students. IT enjoys high levels of investment at Abbot Beyne and the Governing Board fully recognise the benefits this brings to both pupils and staff. We have an excellent IT infrastructure across both school sites and a highly skilled IT support team led by our Network Manager.

We are looking for a highly motivated individual, capable of creative thinking to help us design our learning environment of the future, to influence our learning models and to help us embrace the opportunities Artificial Intelligence and Augmented Reality might offer educators. You may or may not be currently working in the education sector. Applications are invited from candidates from all backgrounds.



Job Purpose

The primary objective of this role will be to ensure that the school's aims and ethos are met through its engagement with technology, innovation and curriculum design, maintaining the school's reputation as a forward-thinking, dynamic school which strives to be an inspiring place for its pupils to be educated. The Director Of Innovation will, therefore, be part of the Directors of Learning Team (which is linked to the Senior Leadership team) to enable this.

Are you an individual committed to delivering positive outcomes for young people and staff? We are an Apple Distinguished School and as a SSAT Leading Edge school, have also been accredited with 'transforming practice in a variety of teaching approaches' and that our work was 'amongst the most effective practice nationally.' Where will you take us next?





Job Description

To identify where the research, consideration, implementation and subsequent support of innovation can enhance both the learning and business function at Abbot Beyne.

Formulation of Innovation & IT Strategy - to contribute to the production of an IT Strategic Development Plan. Then the subsequent and associated leadership, implementation, development and monitoring, both academic and administrative.

Production of reports as required to the Governing Board.

To ensure outstanding use of technology across the schools to support learning.

To drive forward innovative projects which promote our ethos of independent learning, creativity and innovation, for the benefit of students, staff and the wider community.

To contribute to the leadership and development of the Digital Learning Programme. Ensure that it is effective, both in its support to students and its implementation in the classroom as a teaching and learning resource, in association with academic leads.

Assisting/advising other departments/colleagues to identify opportunities and understand their IT requirements.





Job Description continued

To be aware of trends and changes in the use of technology both within education and the wider world and to ensure that the school responds to these developments appropriately.

To maintain and utilise the school's status as an Apple Distinguished School and nurture the relationship with Apple and other ADS participants.

To work with colleagues to explore opportunities to work with local and wider communities, supporting them through the school's expertise with the use of technology

To actively seek out corporate partnership opportunities in order to find ways in which the school, its pupils and staff might benefit from the support networks of the business world.



Digital Learning at Abbot Beyne

All students at Abbot Beyne School have an iPad which they use to support their learning. iPads have allowed teachers to personalise learning more effectively and to redesign parts of the curriculum to take advantage of the benefits of mobile technology. Students are able to organise their work more effectively, access a vast range of resources and extra support to help accelerate their learning. The use of the iPad is a part of Abbot Beyne's relentless focus on improving the quality of learning and teaching that has led to year after year of improving results at the school.

In 2018 we were recognised as an Apple Distinguished School. We were described as a centre of innovation, leadership and educational excellence that use mobile technology to inspire creativity, collaboration and critical thinking. In 2019, we were formally recognised by the SSAT as 'transforming practice in a variety of teaching approaches' and that our work was 'amongst the most effective practice nationally.'

All Year 7 students at Abbot Beyne are provided with a school iPad to assist them with their learning. Upon moving into Year 8, parents and carers are given the opportunity of taking part in a contribution scheme to loan and ultimately purchase an iPad.



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The **aims** of the programme are:

- For teachers to harness the power of mobile technology to further enhance classroom pedagogy
- To break down barriers between home and school learning - improving the quality of homework and learning outside of the classroom
- To personalise learning and further build the skills of independence, creativity and collaboration through deepening the learning experience of our students

In 2018 we published a book about our work using the iPad which can be downloaded on any Apple device here:

<https://books.apple.com/gb/book/abbot-beyne/id1440060871>

More recently, we contributed to the following book about our remote learning experience. This can be downloaded here:

<https://books.apple.com/gb/book/remote-learning-and-teaching/id1521810934>

