

Head of Technology

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Head of Technology at Wellfield Academy.

The Endeavour Learning Trust board and I are delighted to provide the enclosed information about our School. I hope you find it helpful and on behalf of the whole school community, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome.

Endeavour Learning Trust is a growing Trust in the North West, currently spanning South Ribble, West Lancashire and North Sefton. In our family of schools at this point in our growth, we have four secondary schools and two primary schools formally in the Trust.

Our Trust is a mix of good schools and schools which have been in challenging circumstances. Where there has been work to be done, the impact has been rapid and significant. We are committed to growing our Trust further and we are strengthening our central team to ensure we have the capacity to continue to support where we are needed most. All of our schools and our staff provide us with rich opportunities to learn from and with each other.

We strive to ensure that our family ethos is tangible; that we work as a team; that we want the best for everyone. We are also staunch in our commitment to working in a way which protects the wellbeing of our staff; our commitment to reducing workload is non-negotiable. We seek to thrive; individually, collectively, in our classrooms, staffrooms, schools, our central team and across the Trust.

We hope the enclosed information will give you good insight into our School & Trust.

We look forward to viewing your application.

Yours faithfully,



David Clayton

Chief Executive

**Endeavour Learning Trust’s Mission and Values**

**We will serve our communities to ensure that every child realises their potential**

We pledge that our schools will be transformational places of academic excellence that offer a true richness of experience, providing all children with the same opportunities to flourish and develop their unique skills, qualities and talents.

We will work collaboratively with our colleagues, parents and carers and our partners to remove any barriers that place limitations on our children, creating schools that are happy and harmonious places at the centre of their community.

**Our Values**

**Individuality**

We are firmly committed to recognising, celebrating and investing in the individuality of all of our children and young people, each of our colleagues and the distinct ethos and identity of each of our schools, whilst remaining united by our core values. We don’t believe in a “one size fits all” approach, and will adapt our provision to meet individual needs.

**People centred**

Our work is driven by our responsibility to every individual within our Trust community. Every person deserves to be treated with respect, dignity and kindness. We demonstrate empathy and humility in our approach, ensuring that our Trust provides an environment where every individual feels confident to be their true authentic self.

**Belonging**

Equity of opportunity is central to our practice and we will be relentless in our endeavour to identify and remove barriers that prevent full inclusion. Our culture extends beyond tolerance to one where difference is embraced and every individual is valued and celebrated for their unique contribution to our community. Every individual is a full member in our community.

**Transformation**

We believe in the promise of each individual across the Trust and will ensure we inspire, support and challenge in proportionate measure, so that we all thrive and are able to achieve our own individual successes. We are bold in our approach, stretching perceived boundaries, to go further for our children, colleagues and communities. We continually develop our approach to respond to changes in the communities we operate within to support every child, colleague and partners to realise their potential.

**Togetherness**

We are a proud family of schools bonded by our Trust vision, priorities and values. We work as one team in school, across our Trust and with our wider partners for the benefit of the communities we serve. Our collaborative approach inspires us to be bold and brings us together in ways that help us to make a difference. We are better together.



**ENDEAVOUR LEARNING TRUST**

**OUR SCHOOLS**

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Head of Technology position at Wellfield Academy, a school within Endeavour Learning Trust.

Wellfield Academy is an ambitious, growing and thriving school. At our school, students experience inspirational and challenging teaching, excellent pastoral care and a genuine belief that every child can succeed.The successful candidate will join us at an incredibly exciting time for the school. We are one of just a small number of schools nationally to be chosen for the Department for Education’s Schools Rebuilding Project, which will see us move into a brand-new state of the art school in the coming years. In addition, our fantastic reputation in the local community has secured a significant growth in the number of students attending Wellfield.The number of families choosing Wellfield as their first-choice secondary school has more than trebled in the past three years and we are excited to welcome more staff into the Wellfield family as a result.

As a school situated in the heart of Leyland, one of our many strengths is our community spirit and family feel. Each student is known as an individual and supported by key staff, as well as being challenged to be the best they can be. At Wellfield, we believe that every child should be treated as we would want our own children to be. As a result, our students feel safe and valued in an environment where we find the right balance between support and challenge. Our mantra is ‘Nothing but the Best’ and this permeates everything that we do for every student and every member of staff. Our family ethos is tangible: we work as a team, and we want the best for everyone.

We are dedicated to developing students who are aspirational, inclusive of one another and rooted in their community. We are extremely passionate about ensuring the successful development of each individual child within an ambitious learning environment. Our students behave well, and they thrive in our warm and inclusive environment. We are proud of our significant improvement over recent years, and we will continue to provide the very best for each and every one of our students. However, we are also staunch in our commitment to doing this in a way which protects the wellbeing of our staff and our students. Our commitment to reducing workload is non-negotiable. We seek to thrive; individually, together, in our classrooms, staffrooms, schools and right across the Trust.

We hope the enclosed information about the role will encourage you to apply.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Lewis

Headteacher

**Head of Technology**

**Full time, Permanent**

**Main Pay Range – Upper Pay Range**

**£31,650 - £49,084 plus TLR 2.2 £5,645**

Are you ready to take the next step in your career? Do you have the drive and ambition to lead and shape the future of Technology? We are looking for a passionate and ambitious Head of Technology to inspire students and staff alike, driving excellence in all subject areas (Food, Hospitality and Catering & DT) while developing your own leadership skills.

This is an exciting opportunity for a specialist who wants to take Food Technology beyond the basics—exploring food science, nutrition, sustainability, and the wider role of food in society. You will have the chance to shape an engaging and practical curriculum that equips students with vital life skills and an appreciation of the food industry.

We also want someone who is open to the idea of leading and implementing Hospitality and Catering at KS4.

This role is perfect for an experienced teacher looking to step into leadership or an existing leader seeking a new challenge in an ambitious school with *brand new school build with state-of-the-art facilities* commencing soon! You will be supported by a strong, collaborative team both in school and within the Trust.

If you are ready to make a real impact, we would love to hear from you.

**HOW TO APPLY**

To apply, please complete our online application form in full and in addition, please outline any relevant experience and personal qualities you would bring to Endeavour Learning Trust

Refer to the job description and person specification as a guide and give specific examples to demonstrate your suitability for this post.

Applications should be submitted by 9am on Monday 24th March 2025

Interviews are to be held on Wednesday 26th March 2025

If you require any further information about this role please contact our Central HR Team at [vacancies@endeavourlearning.org](mailto:vacancies@endeavourlearning.org) or on 01772 817904

**SAFEGUARDING**

Endeavour Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment and individually take responsibility for doing so.

Please note that in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education, an online search will be carried out as part of our due diligence on shortlisted candidates.

At Wellfield Academy we believe in high aspirations, creative solutions, clear boundaries and the genuine enjoyment that comes from the joy of learning and the pride of achievement and success.

The Creatives Faculty currently consists of the following curriculum areas: Art, Drama, Music, Design Technology (Food Preparation and Nutrition, Resistant Materials), Physical Education and Computer Science. The overall leadership of the Creatives Faculty sits with the Director of Faculty, a Design Technology specialist. The Creatives Faculty staff are passionate about their subjects and pride themselves in working together, promoting and developing enjoyment and interest in each of the subjects, to ensure that all students achieve their potential. The faculty is ambitious in its pursuit of excellence and provides an exciting range of opportunities both in class and as extra-curricular opportunities, in order to nurture the natural talent and enthusiasm of our students.

The Faculty consists of:

* Assistant Headteacher - Teacher of Computer Science
* Teacher of Computer Science
* Lead Teacher of Art
* Teacher of Drama
* Subject Leader of PE
* Teacher of PE and House Progress Leader
* Teacher of PE and Food Preparation and Nutrition
* Teacher of Music
* Teacher of Design Technology (vacant position)

**COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW**

Throughout their time in Design and Technology, students will:

* develop the creative, technical and practical expertise needed to perform everyday tasks confidently and to participate successfully in an increasingly technological world
* build and apply a repertoire of knowledge, understanding and skills in order to design and make high-quality prototypes and products for a wide range of users
* critique, evaluate and test their ideas and products and the work of others

Over the course of Key Stage Three, students experience a wide range of Design and Technology discipline related projects that include:

* Electronics
* Resistant Materials
* Product Design
* Textiles
* Graphics
* Food

In Years 7 and 8, Design Technology is taught once a week. In Year 9 this subject is taught as part of a carousel of subjects where students rotate between Food & Nutrition, Drama and Design Technology. Students are set in mixed attainment classes.

As student numbers on roll have grown significantly in recent years, an exciting development for 2024-25 is that we can offer Design Technology as a GCSE option subject. Throughout the GCSE course students have the opportunity to develop a wide range of skills. Students will observe and record their ideas and experiences through drawings of all different forms and to research and analyse products. They learn to experiment with a wide range of materials and to develop their own original ideas. In addition to practical skills, imaginative ideas and creative thinking, students develop self-confidence, responsibility and organisation. This course will develop student’s knowledge, skills and understanding of Design & Technology, whilst giving them an excellent foundation should they choose to study any form of design at Post 16 or take an employment route into the creative industries.

FACULTY PROFILE



You are required to carry out the duties of a school teacher as set out in the School teachers’ Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD)

To work with all stakeholders and contribute towards delivering the aims of Endeavour Learning Trust.

To plan, develop and deliver high quality lessons and schemes of work, using a variety of approaches, to continually enhance teaching and learning and to maximise individual progress for students.

To maintain and build upon the relevant standards achieved in the award for QTS (Secondary) as set out by the Secretary of State.

To lead the subject appropriately in providing effective leadership and management and to contribute to building and maintaining an effective teaching team which continually strives to enhance the quality of teaching and learning and outcomes for students.

To support the Head of Faculty and deputise when appropriate and directed.

To contribute to the Trust appraisal systems and lead on appraisal within the subject and within the line management structure.

To support and challenge the staff within the faculty to ensure that their professional development is constantly reviewed and based on best practice and research-based evidence.

To contribute as appropriate to a personalised learning agenda to meet the needs of individual students

Raise standards of student attainment and achievement within the subject and to monitor and support student progress particularly Pupil Premium Students, SEND and other disadvantaged students.

To lead on aspects of quality assurance of the effectiveness of the subject and take appropriate action as required.

To ensure the maintenance of accurate and up-to-date information concerning the subject on the management information and tracking systems.

Effectively manage, deploy and develop teaching/support staff, financial and physical resources within the subject.

To contribute to the Academy’s delivery of engaging and effective teaching and learning strategies

To consistently apply the Academy’s Behaviour and Rewards Policy

**Teaching and Learning**

* Manage student learning through effective teaching in accordance with the Faculty/Department’s schemes of work and policies.
* Ensure continuity, progression and cohesiveness in all teaching.
* Use a variety of methods and approaches, including differentiation to ensure stretch and challenge for all students and to meet curricular objectives and to ensure equal opportunity for all students.
* Set assessments and homework regularly in accordance with the Academy policies and guidelines, to consolidate and extend learning and encourage students to take responsibility for their own learning.
* Work with SEND staff and pastoral support staff (including prior discussion and joint planning) in order to benefit from their specialist knowledge and to maximise their effectiveness within lessons.

**JOB DESCRIPTION**



**Head of Technology**

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* Set high expectations for all students, particularly Pupil Premium students, to deepen their knowledge and understanding, to raise aspirations and to maximise their individual achievement.
* To plan and execute appropriate intervention strategies within the classroom to address potential underachievement and log as appropriate
* Use positive management of behaviour in an environment of mutual respect which allows students to feel safe and secure and promotes their self-esteem.
* Inspire creativity, independence and critical thinking
* Contribute towards social cohesion

**Curricular/Faculty Development**

* To lead the development of comprehensive schemes of work which include a range of teaching and learning methods and activities providing a rich experience for all students, and incorporating a variety of assessment methods at key points to enable accurate judgements to be made on student progress within the Assessment for Learning Agenda.
* To fully engage with Trust and whole Academy initiatives for collaborative planning and moderation.
* To share in the development of Faculty/Department classroom and intervention strategies for students’ literacy, numeracy and spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

**Management of Staffing and Resources:**

* To manage the available resources of space, staff, money and equipment efficiently within the defined guidelines; including deploying the subject budget, requisitioning, organising and maintaining equipment and stock, and keeping appropriate records.
* To work with SLT in order to ensure that the subject’s teaching commitments are effectively and efficiently time-tabled and roomed.
* To undertake Appraisal Review(s) and to act as reviewer for a group of staff within the designated faculty.
* To make arrangements for classes for absent staff, ensuring appropriate cover and work set.
* To participate in the interview process for teaching posts when required and to ensure effective induction of new staff in line with Academy procedures.
* To promote teamwork and to motivate staff to ensure effective working relations.
* To ensure the Faculty’s participation in the Academy’s ITT programme.
* To be responsible for the day-to-day management of staff within the designated faculty and act as a positive role model.

**Monitoring, Assessment, Recording, Reporting, and Accountability**

* To ensure the maintenance of accurate and up-to-date information concerning the faculty on the management information and tracking systems.
* To provide the Executive Team, Senior Leadership Team, Head of Faculty and Local School Council with relevant information relating to the subject’s performance and development including reporting on external examination performance.
* Be immediately responsible for the processes of identification, assessment, recording and reporting for the students in their charge.
* Contribute towards the implementation of ‘Pupil Passports’ as detailed in the current Code of Practice and school policies particularly the planning and recording of appropriate actions and outcomes related to set targets and suggested strategies.
* Assess students’ work systematically and use the results to inform future planning, teaching, moderation and curricular development and to refine accurate predictions of student outcomes.
* Keep up to date with data on student progress and use it effectively in planning and preparation.
* Be familiar with statutory assessment and reporting procedures and prepare and present informative, helpful and accurate reports as required.
* Keep an accurate register of students for each lesson. Unexplained absences or patterns of absence should be reported immediately in accordance with the School policy.

**Subject Knowledge and Understanding**

* Have a thorough and up-to-date knowledge and understanding of the National Curriculum requirements and assessment requirements and specifications for examination courses.
* Keep up-to-date with research and developments in subject/pedagogy.

**Professional Standards and Development**

* Be a role model to students through appropriate personal presentation and professional conduct as in the Guidance for Safer Working Practice for Adults who work with Children and Young People in Education Settings and the school policy and procedures.
* Arrive in class, on or before the start of the lesson, and begin and end lessons on time and be a presence around school and between lessons, ensuring high standards are maintained.
* Cover for absent colleagues in line with agreed school policies.
* Be familiar with and supportive of all the School’s policies and procedures including Safeguarding and Health.
* Establish effective working relationships with professional colleagues.
* Maintain a working knowledge and understanding of teachers’ professional duties as set out in the current School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions document, and teachers’ legal liabilities and responsibilities relating to all current legislation, including the role of the education service in protecting children.
* Liaise effectively with parent/carers and with other agencies with responsibility for students’ education and welfare as directed by the School.
* Be aware of the role of the Governing Body of the School and support it in performing its duties.
* Be familiar with and implement the relevant requirements of the current SEND Code of Practice, DDA and Access to Work.
* Consider the needs of all students within lessons (and implement specialist advice) especially those who:
* have SEND
* are disadvantaged (including PP, FSM, CLA, Forces Children and EAL)
* are Able, Gifted and Talented
* are mobile students

**Liaison/communication**

* Meet regularly and work with the Head of Faculty for professional support and to develop effective subject management
* Liaise with other subject teachers in order to utilise effective practice from across the curriculum
* To ensure that all members of the subject are familiar with its Trust aims and objectives through the chairing of faculty briefings and meetings
* To ensure effective communication/consultation as appropriate with colleagues, leadership, parents and students.

**Health and Safety**

* Be aware of Basic First Aid procedures.
* Be aware of the responsibility for personal Health, Safety and Welfare and that of others who may be affected by your actions or inactions.
* Co-operate with the employer on all issues to do with Health, Safety & Welfare and fire procedures.
* Work to the school’s policies.

**Continuing Professional Development - Personal**

* In conjunction with the line manager, take responsibility for personal professional development, keeping up-to-date with research and developments in teaching pedagogy and changes in the curriculum, which may lead to improvements in teaching and learning.

* Undertake any necessary professional development as identified in the School or Faculty Improvement Plan and Appraisal processes taking full advantage of any relevant training and development available.
* Maintain a professional portfolio of evidence to support the Appraisal process.
* To work to the school’s policies

**Continuing Professional Development – Staff**

* Contribute as appropriate to the school’s CPD programme.
* Support trainees and ECT’s to ensure they are appropriately monitored and supported if applicable.

**Tutor Role**

* Every classroom teacher may be expected to be part of House team and to work to the Personal Tutor job description

**Safeguarding**

* To be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons with whom the post-holder comes into contact with, or is responsible for in line with School Policies.

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|  | KEY CRITERIA | Essential (E)/  Desirable (D) |
| QUALIFICATIONS | Qualified Teacher Status/appropriate Graduate Status | E |
| Effectiveness as a Teacher in their specialism | E |
| DBS Clearance | E |
| EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE | A proven track record of successful teaching with evidence of enhancing student achievement, especially at GCSE level | E |
| A commitment to working towards leading and teaching Post 16 qualifications | E |
| A thorough understanding of how data may be used to monitor and improve pupil performance and the effective use of school tracking and reporting systems | E |
| A demonstrable commitment to CPD and a thirst for reviewing and developing teaching and learning strategies | E |
| A commitment to engage in and use educational research for the development of teaching and learning | E |
| A track record of motivating and leading a team | E |
| Infectious enthusiasm in the classroom and around school | E |
| Ability to develop independent learning and enquiry skills in students | E |
| Excellent classroom management and organisation | E |
| Awareness of the principles of Assessment for Learning | E |
| Ability to accurately assess and predict student progress | E |
| Awareness and commitment to a personalised learning agenda | E |
| ICT literate and a willingness to further develop their skills | E |
| Motivation to work with children and young people | E |
| Ability to form effective and appropriate professional working relationships with young people with clear boundaries | E |
| Ability to develop appropriate use of authority within an ethos of mutual respect in accordance with the Behaviour Policy | E |
| PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES | Emotional resilience in dealing with the challenges of the role | E |
| A genuine passion for education | E |
| A commitment to the Aims and Vision of the Trust, the School Development Plan and the Faculty Development Plan | E |
| A willingness to undertake further training and professional development | E |
| OTHER | Clearance through the Disclosure and Barring Service | E |
| Compliance and adherence to the document ‘Guidance for Safer Working Practice’ & ‘Guidance for Conduct’ | E |