

JOB DESCRIPTION AND PERSON SPECIFICATION

Job Title	Teacher of Design and Technology & Food Studies (Maternity Cover).	Location	Thistley Hough Academy
Salary	MPS/UPS	Hours	32.5 hours, term-time only. Maternity Cover (October 2025 – July 2026).
Department	Design and Technology	Reports To	Head of Design and Technology

JOB PURPOSE:

To teach exceptional lessons that engage and challenge all students, whilst creating a supportive and stimulating learning environment in the classroom. To make a significant contribution to the values and the ethos of the school and actively promote and uphold all school policies.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:

Teaching & Learning

- With direction from the Head of Department within the context of the school's curriculum and schemes of work, plan and prepare effective lessons.
- Teach engaging and effective lessons that motivate, inspire and improve pupil attainment.
- Ensure students acquire and consolidate knowledge, skills and understanding appropriate to the subject taught.
- Ensure that all students achieve the least at chronological age or level or, if well below level, make significant and continuing progress towards achieving at chronological age level.
- Direct and supervise support staff assigned to lessons and when required participate in related recruitment and selection activities.
- Organise trips and visits to enhance the learning of all students

Assessment & Reporting

- To monitor and evaluate the assessment and feedback to students in line with whole school and department policy.
- To follow department monitoring and tracking systems relating to student's attainment, progress and achievement.
- Undertake assessment of students as requested by external examination bodies, curriculum areas and school procedures.
- Assess, record and report on the attendance, progress, development and attainment of students and to keep such records as are required.
- Complete the relevant documentation to assist in the tracking of students.
- To follow department policy regarding department tracking of student progress and use information to inform teaching and learning.

School Culture

- Support the academy's values and ethos by actively promoting and contributing to the development and implementation of policies, practices and procedures.
- Help create a strong academy community, characterised by consistent, orderly behaviour and caring, respectful relationships.

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- To be active in issues of student welfare and support.
- Support and work in collaboration with colleagues and other professionals in and beyond the school.
- Lead or help to lead an after school activity once per week; either curriculum based or an extra-curricular club.

Communication

- To communicate effectively and constructively with the parents of pupils as appropriate.
- Where appropriate, to communicate and cooperate with persons or bodies outside the school.
- To follow agreed policies for communications in the school.
- To take an active role in activities such as Open Evenings, Parents' Evenings, Sports days etc.

Pastoral Duties

- If required, be a form tutor to an assigned group of students.
- Promote the general progress and well-being of individual students and of the form tutor group as a whole.
- Liaise with the pastoral team to ensure the implementation of the school's pastoral system.
- Register students, accompany them to assemblies, encourage their full attendance at all lessons and their participation in other aspects of school life.
- Contribute to the preparation of action plans and progress files and other reports.
- Alert appropriate staff to problems experienced by students.

Other Responsibilities

- Have a working and up to date knowledge of teachers' professional duties and legal liabilities.
- Operate at all times within the stated policies and practices of the school, including but not limited to, Health and Safety; Child protection; Assessment and marking policies; and Behaviour policies.
- Establish effective working relationships and be an effective role model to pupils through own personal presentation as well as personal and professional conduct.
- Have high expectations for every pupil and endeavour the opportunity to reach their potential and meet high expectations.
- Co-operate with other staff to ensure a sharing and effective usage of resources to the benefit of the school, department and students.
- Contribute to wider school life through effective participation in meetings and management systems necessary to coordinate the management of the school.
- Work as a team member and identify opportunities for working with colleagues and sharing the development of effective practice with them.
- Undertake other various responsibilities as directed by the Head of Department or the Principal.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

	Essential	Desirable
QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified to degree level or above in relevant subject. • Qualified teacher. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DT training and completed Food Hygiene Certificate.

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EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of raising attainment in a challenging classroom environment. • Experience of reflecting on and improving teaching practice to increase student achievement. • Evidence of continually improving the teaching and learning of their subject through schemes of work and extra-curricular activities. • Successful teaching experience in the Secondary phase. • Experience of raising standards through leading staff development. • Experience teaching practical food studies and DT lessons. • Experience maintaining Health & Safety standards. 	
KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the ability to teach all aspects of KS3 within the subject. • Passionate about your subject area. • Demonstrates the ability to lead and work within teams. • Excellent classroom teacher with the ability to reflect on lessons and continually improve their own practice. • Thinks strategically about classroom practice and tailoring lessons to student's needs. • Understands and interprets complex student data to drive lesson planning and student attainment. • Commitment to regular and on-going professional development and training to establish outstanding classroom practice. 	
SKILLS AND PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads by example with high professional standards. • Resilient, energetic and enthusiastic. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student focused commitment. • Has keen organisational skills and the ability to multitask and delegate. • Will play a full and active role in the wider development of the School. • Effective and systematic behaviour management, with clear boundaries, sanctions, praise and rewards. • Good communication, planning and organisational skills. • Vision aligned with Creative Education Trust's high aspirations and high expectations of self and others 	
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES	A demonstrable commitment to supporting and promoting safeguarding, student welfare, equality and diversity	
SAFEGUARDING	A thorough understanding of up-to-date safeguarding requirements and best practice	
OTHER REQUIREMENTS	High expectations for every pupil and a proven track record of making a difference to the learning and experiences of pupils inside and outside the classroom.	

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