

Information Booklet

Teacher of Design and Technology



A warm welcome from the Mast Academy Trust

Thank you for considering applying for this post within The Mast Academy Trust.

We genuinely believe that any of the schools within our Trust are wonderful places to work and develop your career.

We are a community of schools where relationships are positive, respectful and friendly. We consist of Birdsedge First School, Shelley First School, Kirkburton Middle School, Scissett Middle School, Scholes Junior and Infant School and Grange Moor Primary School. We are an incredibly busy community of schools with lots going on all year round.

We are fortunate in having exceptional staff teams in all our schools who enthusiastically provide an engaging curriculum and a wealth of extra-curricular activities and experiences for our pupils to enjoy. Our schools, and the Trust, are supported by our dedicated and committed teams of Trustees and Governors.

As a community, we all work hard to ensure that pupils get the very best learning experience which supports them to achieve the very best outcomes.

We have a well-established passion for collaboration, working in partnership throughout the Trust and with a range of other alliances and as part of the Shelley pyramid of schools.

We would hope that what you read in the information pack and your wider research about the Trust and schools will encourage you to apply.



CEO – The Mast Academy Trust

About the Trust

The MAST Academy Trust was established in December 2016 to build upon strong, existing partnerships around the pupils and families in our locality through academy status. The Trust currently comprises of six schools across the 4-13 years age range. We are a collaborative Trust, with all leaders supporting the development of MAST within the context of an Executive Leadership Team. Working strategically together, within our Pyramid of schools and with other services, we aim to transform provision and outcomes for pupils and their families.

We want to support everyone to be the change they wish to see in the world. We understand that this is not about grand gestures, it's about helping individuals. Through a constant drive to enrich and develop our people, we can create a group of schools capable of achieving this goal. We remember this in everything we do, everything we say, every action we take, everything we promote. By keeping this focus, we aim to be an influential contributor to the world of education and an example to others.

Our vision for our pupils, staff and schools at the Mast Academy Trust is not defined by a statement but a set of key principles; principles that when united reveals our overarching vision. As individual schools and a Trust:

- We celebrate **individuality**
- We **collaborate** for the good of our children and staff
- We **inspire** our children, and our employees to **achieve** their ambitions
- We all **learn** from our experiences
- We ensure a **safe** and **caring** environment for everyone

We commit to:

- Put the **children** at the heart
- Value all our **people** and respect their well-being
- Serve the **community** around us
- **Respect** different opinions and then unite together
- Be willing to **challenge** and accept challenge
- **Support** all areas within the MAST Academy Trust
- Adhere to the Nolan Principles

The Mast Academy Trust

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Joining the Trust

Career Progression

The Trust is committed to developing all staff within their roles and creating opportunities for further career progression.

Pension

Every employee of the trust and the schools part of The Mast Academy Trust has access to the Teacher's Pension Scheme or the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Health and Wellbeing

As an employer we are committed to promoting and protecting the physical and mental health of all our staff. All employees in the Trust have access to a mental health and wellbeing. The service provides counselling, medical and wellbeing support.

Supportive Colleagues

Wherever you work within the Trust, in our school teams or collaborative teams, in a teaching or support role, there are leaders and colleagues there to offer support and guidance throughout your career at the Mast Academy Trust.

Our new colleagues receive a comprehensive induction; all our colleagues receive ongoing Continual Professional Development provided by the Trust or from external providers.

One benefit of being part of a trust is you can learn and share knowledge and experiences with colleagues from the other schools within the Trust.

Equality

The Mast Academy Trust's aim is to attract people from diverse backgrounds to build on our inclusive culture and represent the communities we serve. We welcome applications from everyone regardless of sex, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, transgender status, religion or belief, marital status, or pregnancy and maternity.

We are committed to inclusivity and will consider requests for flexible working including part time and job share arrangements, where the role allows. We are committed to promoting and protecting the physical and mental health of all our staff.

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For Scissett Middle School

Organisation	Scissett Middle School
Job Scale	MPS / UPS
Hours	32.5
Type	Permanent
Job share	Applications can be considered
Location	The primary place of work shall be Scissett Middle School, you may be required to work at any school within the Trust.
Responsible to	Strategic Lead for Technology and Art
JOB CODE	SMSTDT0127

The Mast Academy Trust and its members, trustees, governors, executive leaders and Headteachers are committed to safeguarding, promoting the welfare of children and young people and ensuring that safer recruiting procedures are in place; it expects all staff and volunteers to share the commitment.

Appointments will be subject to an Enhanced DBS check.



Overview

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and motivated teacher to join our happy and hardworking team.

Candidates should be:

- An excellent classroom practitioner
- A team player
- Enthusiastic about learning
- Familiar with the Design and Technology National Curriculum
- Able to contribute to our very high standards
- Organised and committed

Furthermore, candidates should:

- Have a strong moral purpose which puts pupils at the centre of everything
- Believe in high achievement for all pupils

Basic Job Purpose

- Teaching a timetable as directed by the Head Teacher and taking responsibility for the teaching and learning of assigned groups of pupils within the context of the ethos and aims of the school.
- Establishing and maintaining regular communications with the subject strategic lead, teacher colleagues, Governors, parents and other schools.

Main Responsibilities –Teacher

Accountable for:

- The quality of teaching and learning within assigned classes/ groups
 - Ensure teaching is consistently of a high standard
 - Adapt teaching approaches in order to ensure all pupils make great progress from their starting points
 - Play an active role in ensuring a consistently orderly, calm and stimulating environment, both in and out of the classroom
 - Make a vital contribution to the efficient running of the Department, including setting and marking assessments, assisting in moderation of assessments
 - Enhance the quality of teaching and learning in the Department and wider school through sharing resources and good practice, lesson observation, collaborative teaching, and active participation in CPD
 - Develop habits of excellence in ourselves and our pupils through an emphasis on high expectations in all we do

- Direct and supervise support staff assigned to lessons to ensure the support provided to individuals and groups is having a significant impact on academic progress
- To carry out regular, meaningful and measurable assessments for pupils
- To formatively assess pupils in all lessons
- Maintain accurate pupil data that can be used to make teaching more effective
- Be able to 'Teach on your feet'
- Learning beyond the classroom
 - A commitment to supporting extra-curricular clubs and activities
- Sharing good practice
 - To keep abreast of developments/good practice in teaching and learning within specialist subject(s)
 - To report back on INSET provided as required and to share good practice/inform colleagues.
- Supporting School administration.
 - To carry out break duties as required/agreed.
 - To support with before and after school duties.

Further Duties

- To carry out additional tasks deemed reasonable by the Head Teacher.
- To undertake performance management and to contribute to the programme as required / agreed
- To undertake and commit to your continued professional development

General

- Ensure care of pupils is at the heart of all we do: Report concerns immediately, make referrals as required and build strong relationships with pupils.
- Show a commitment to diversity, equal opportunities and anti-discriminatory practices.
- Show a commitment to ensuring that children and young people learn in safe environment.
- Participate in relevant and appropriate training and development as required.
- Carry out your duties with due regard to current and future school / trust policies, procedures and relevant legislation. These will be drawn to your attention as part of your induction and ongoing performance development and through school communications
- Promote and actively support the trust's responsibilities towards safeguarding.

Person Specification - Teacher

E	Essential	A	Application Form
D	Desirable	T	Test/Exercise
		I	Interview
		R	References

Qualifications & Experience

E	Qualified Teacher Status	AI
E	Degree or equivalent academic qualification	AI
E	Experience of successful team membership	AI
E	Experience of using assessment to support and enhance learning and progress	AI
E	Knowledge of latest developments in educational matters, especially ICT	AI
E	Willingness to attend further training related to the post offered.	AI

Knowledge & Understanding

E	Successful teaching with excellent subject knowledge	AI
E	Pedagogical expertise in the subject	AI
E	Evidence of a good record of raising achievement and improving standards	AI
D	Evidence of appropriate professional development	A
D	Understanding of the GCSE requirements for Art, Design and Technology	AI
D	Understanding of the KS2 curriculum for Design and Technology	AI
D	Experience of teaching a second subject	AI
D	Extra-curricular involvement e.g. clubs	AI

Skills & abilities

E	Enthusiastic and hard working	AI
E	Sound judgment and ability to make decisions based on understanding of relevant information	I
E	Able to prioritise work, use own initiative and to manage work to meet tight deadlines	AI
E	Adaptability to changing circumstances/ideas	I
E	Attention to detail	AI
E	An interest in further professional development	AI
E	Willingness to work as part of a team	AIR

Personal Qualities

E	Commitment to undertake continued training and development	I
E	A commitment to Middle School education	AI
E	Willingness to undertake an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.	I
E	Adaptability to changing circumstances/new ideas	I
E	Ability to inspire confidence in staff, students, parents and others	I
E	A commitment to inclusive education	I
E	Reliability, integrity and stamina	IR
D	Determination to succeed and the highest possible expectations of self and others	I
D	Resilience and perspective	I
D	Personal impact and presence	I
E	A sense of humour and fun	AIR

The post-holder may be required to take on additional responsibilities when necessary to ensure the effective running of the school.

Thank you for taking the time to read this pack.

Application Details

Applying for the role of Teacher

If you wish to apply for the post of Teacher then please complete the application form found on <https://www.themast.co.uk/job-vacancies>

Application is via the Trust's online application form only, separate submissions or supporting documentation will not be accepted; all information should be provided within the relevant sections of the application form. You have the option to save and edit your application prior to submission ONCE you have populated each section. As the application form is hosted on Microsoft Forms, you may wish to copy and paste any larger sections of text into the form.

The application form requires you to provide in addition to personal details, educational achievements and employment history clear and concise examples of how you meet the following areas:

Relevant Experience

Education and training attainments

General and specialist knowledge

Skills and Abilities

Additional factors in continual professional development

If you require support to complete the application, please contact cgray@themast.co.uk or telephone 01484 598898 to speak to the HR department.

The job code for this role is SMSTDT0127

If you would like an informal discussion with regards to the role prior to applying please contact Mrs C Dobson, Strategic Lead for Technology and Art via email cdobson@themast.co.uk

If you would like to arrange a visit to school please contact Sally Booth, PA to the Headteacher via email sbooth@themast.co.uk or telephone 01484 865444.

Shortlisting

As part of our safer recruitment process, references will be requested prior to interview. Only in exceptional circumstances will the school interview without references prior, where the candidate does not wish to notify their current employer; applicants must make this clear when submitting an application. Job offers will always be on condition of satisfactory references.

Online searches will be carried out for all shortlisted candidates therefore it is essential that your 'handles' are accurate to comply with these checks. The information will be treated as strictly confidential and shared with the recruitment panel to validate your suitability for the role that you have applied for. The scope includes relevant qualifications, whether a candidate poses a potential safeguarding risk or reputational damage for the school or trust. The information found may be explored at the interview stage. Data gathered will be recorded as appropriate and destroyed in line with the data protection policy.

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to provide details of unspent convictions and those that would not be filtered, prior to the date of the interview.

Equality Opportunity Monitoring

The Mast Academy Trust wants to meet the aims and commitments set out in its equality policy and statement. This includes not discriminating under the Equality Act 2010 and building an accurate picture of the make-up of the workforce in encouraging equality and diversity.

Dates

The closing date for applications is **Monday 28 September 2026 at 4:00pm**

The interview date is expected to take place **week commencing 5 October 2026.**

If we have not contacted, you by **Friday 2 October 2026** then please assume that on this occasion your application has been unsuccessful.

The expected start date for the successful candidate would be **1 January 2027.**

Please accept this as acknowledgement of the time and interest you have shown