



## **TEACHER OF DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY : TMS/UPS**

**Full-time, Permanent  
From 1 September 2021**

### **The School**

Gordano School is a large and highly successful 11-18 comprehensive secondary school approximately eight miles outside Bristol. This includes a thriving Sixth Form of over 350 students that is strongly integrated into the school and offers significant opportunities for Post-16 teaching in over 30 courses. We are the sole secondary school serving the popular town of Portishead, and benefit greatly from being a central part of our community.

We view education as something bigger than just academic achievement. We have a record of considerable academic success, but believe that an education should be about preparing young people for their future lives in a complete sense. As well as consistently positive Progress 8 and Level 3 Value Added outcomes at GCSE and A Level respectively we place great emphasis on student leadership, an unparalleled extra-curricular programme and student progression to their next steps in a wide range of academic and vocational routes.

We value our membership of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership, the North Somerset Teaching Alliance and our role as a Teaching School in delivering high quality support and development for colleagues, both new to the profession and more established. Our size allows regular opportunities for progression into leadership roles.

We were judged Outstanding in all categories in our last Ofsted inspection, but, just as importantly, seek to be a very happy school community with a big heart. This has never been more evident than in the last year, where we have been incredibly proud of the response of our brilliant staff, children and families in response to the Covid pandemic.

### **1. THE VACANCY**

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join our excellent DT & Computing Faculty. We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic teacher of Design and Technology to join a dynamic Faculty on a full time, permanent contract.

The successful candidate must possess the skills and experience to teach all aspects of D&T at KS3 and specifically Product Design at KS4. The ability to teach Level 2 Construction would be an advantage.

The Faculty boasts a team of 12 creative practitioners, achieving consistently high results at GCSE and A Level. If you have the required experience and skills to fulfil the above requirements, we would welcome an application.

### **2. THE FACULTY**

Within the DT & Computing Faculty there are 6 separate subjects taught at GCSE level as well as Level 2 in Construction. There are 2 Design and Technology courses taught at A Level; DT Product Design and Art & Design: Textiles. To support teachers in the delivery of their subjects the faculty has 2 technicians who are responsible for preparing resources, controlling stock, helping with practical demonstrations and who undertake administrative, display and clerical work when required.

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### 3. ACCOMMODATION and RESOURCES

The Faculty has 5 fully equipped workshops, 2 Textiles rooms, 2 Catering rooms and a dedicated ICT suite. The faculty is well equipped to incorporate new technologies into students' work and has a 3D printer, laser cutters and a 3D router as part of our CAD/CAM capability. The faculty office is at the centre of the accommodation enabling excellent communication between all members of the faculty.

### 4. THE CURRICULUM

The D&T curriculum for 2020/2021 is as follows:

In Yrs 7 & 8, all students follow a rotation system where they experience a range of D&T projects including studying Food & Textiles.

At the end of Yr8, students choose which of the discrete subjects they wish to study and embark on a 3 year GCSE course. They choose from:

- Food Preparation & Nutrition
- Design & Technology
- Art & Design: Textiles
- Construction

In Yr12, students starting their D&T option choose from A Level DT Product Design or Art & Design: Textiles. All courses follow the WJEC EDUQAS Specifications.

### 5. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

We are looking for a motivated and hard-working D&T teacher to be an enthusiastic member of the Design & Technology Faculty. Interested candidates should display the following: -

- ☐ Excellent teaching skills
- ☐ Commitment to using ICT as a teaching tool
- ☐ Commitment to high expectations and standards of work
- ☐ Be a confident teacher of Product Design and ideally Construction
- ☐ A willingness to teach all aspects of Design and Technology in Yrs 7 & 8
- ☐ Good organisational skills
- ☐ Ability to develop excellent relationships with students and staff
- ☐ Be an enthusiastic teacher who is flexible and can adopt the differing teaching styles required by the courses offered
- ☐ Bring ideas to the faculty
- ☐ Participate actively in the development of Schemes of Learning
- ☐ Good sense of humour

Gordano School offers an excellent benefits package including contributory pension scheme, a comprehensive employee assistance programme and benefits (offering discounts on shopping), cycle to work scheme and on-site parking. As a Teaching School we also offer support to staff looking for career progression.

For more information including an application form, please visit  
[www.gordanoschool.org.uk](http://www.gordanoschool.org.uk)

Applications should be submitted with covering letter and application form (curriculum vitae optional) to the Headteacher, Mr Tom Inman at [recruitment@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@gordanoschool.org.uk) by:

Closing date: 9am Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021\*  
Interviews: w/c 1 March 2021

*\*Early applications are encouraged. Gordano School reserves the right to interview and appoint prior to the closing date of the advertisement, should the School be able to identify an appropriate candidate.*

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*Gordano School supports Equal Opportunities Employment.*

*This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Enhanced DBS checks are required for all successful applicants.*