Meadowhead School Academy Trust

A Member of The Meadowhead Community Learning Trust



Teacher of Food/Design and Technology









Design and Technology

We have a purpose built 'Design' wing shared with Art and consisting of 3 fully equipped dedicated technology workshops, 2 food rooms, 2 textiles rooms, 1 graphics/ICT room, 1 graphics/art room, 1 ceramics base and 2 Art rooms.

We currently have 13 members of staff, 8 full-time and 5 part time with expertise in Product Design, BTEC Construction, Food Preparation and Nutrition and Art. We are supported by a technology technician, a food technician and 2 art technicians. The area is managed by two subject leaders, one in Design and Technology and one in Art, two other members of staff also hold responsibility points in curriculum support.

We have a wide variety of courses running throughout the area and we work as a team to promote the use of art and design technology across the area and beyond. This means that on occasions we work on cross curricular links to reinforce the work that we do in our individual subjects.

Teaching Allocations in Art, Design Technology

In year 7, 8 and 9 all students are taught DT based on a 5 project rotation per year which encompasses product design, food, textiles and ceramics and last for approximately 7-8 weeks, 2 hours per week. Each of the projects is designed for the students to learn different skills in designing, making and manufacturing with suitable materials. In Y9 Art joins the rotation but in Y7 and Y8 all students have a dedicated 1 hour Art lesson which is not in the carousel.

In years 10 and 11 pupils choose to study in Art and Design Technology through the options process during Y9 and receive two/three hours of their chosen option per week. Presently we offer the following: GCSE Design Technology (9-1), Constructing in the Built Environment, GCSE Art (General), GCSE Art (Graphics), GCSE Art (Textiles), GCSE Photography, GCSE Art (3D) and GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition.

In years 12 and 13 we currently have three courses running including Product Design (3D), GCE Art Textiles, GCE Art Craft and Design and Photography from which many of our students proceed to design related University courses.

The curriculum

The courses we run through years 7, 8 and 9 are all internally created and assessed projects. At GCSE/GCE we use the AQA board for all of the Technology subjects, WJEC for Food Prep and Nutrition and Constructing the built environment and AQA for the Art based subjects.

Completing your Application

Every individual has potential and is, therefore, capable of achievement. It is the school's task to present the fullest possible range of opportunities so that each individual may discover just where their talents lie. It is inevitable, therefore, that the school opens those opportunities to all and makes no assumptions based on gender, nationality, race, ability, disability or creed.

Meadowhead Equal Opportunities Statement

Interviews for main scale posts will usually be conducted by:

- The Head
- A member of the senior leadership team
- The person to whom the successful applicant will be directly responsible.

For posts of additional responsibility and certainly those at TLR 1b or higher, there will be at least one representative from the Governors' appointments panel.

Applicants who are not called for interview are thanked for the time, thought and effort that they have put into their application. Due to high costs involved the school is unable to acknowledge this via individual replies.