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Thank you for your interest in our vacancy for a Teacher of Technology (ability to teach across the technologies would be an advantage). I hope that the provided information is helpful in encouraging you to apply for what is a vital role in our successful school.

As headteacher I am passionate about evidence-informed pedagogy. If you join us, you will be joining a school that believes in investing in you so you are able to develop your skills as a teacher. We are also a growth mindset school and believe that our motto (*Believe. Strive. Achieve.*) captures our philosophy and energy.

De Aston is a successful and vibrant 11-18 school, with excellent facilities and a genuinely comprehensive intake. We are a rural school that takes from a geographical catchment but is also very much at the centre of the local community.

The Design and Technology Department runs a variety of examination courses including, Edexcel ‘A’ level Design and Technology. At KS4 we offer AQA GCSE Design and Technology, BTEC Construction and Hospitality and Catering. These courses have proved popular and we have two groups of each course in both year 10 and 11. At KS3 we have an hour for both Food and Resistant Materials which means the students can work on more complex projects.

The department is well resourced and has good ICT provision, we try to keep a strong emphasis on making high quality projects that the students enjoy and find challenging. We have an extensive suit of workshops and a wide range of equipment and machinery both traditional and computer controlled. We make good use of CAD programmes including Techsoft 2D Design and 3D software. We also are fortunate to have Technician support which is helpful in assisting with preparation and general organisation within the department.

De Aston is a school with a total commitment to comprehensive education and has an outstanding academic and pastoral record. We are proud of our success at receiving Artsmark Gold and Careers Mark Gold. This reflects not only the commitment to and from a dedicated and hardworking staff, but also the enthusiasm and involvement of pupils, and the significance of the school to its locality, which it supports through a number of social, cultural and sporting activities at a level which is surprising given the relative small size of the town.

The successful candidate may be assured that they will be working as part of a committed team and will find a good programme of professional support and career development within the department, the school and the Lincolnshire Schools Teaching Alliance.

Lincolnshire, as a county, offers excellent value for money in the housing market and consequently our standard of living is higher than in other areas of the country. The countryside around Market Rasen is outstanding as we are situated on the edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds which is fast becoming a popular choice as a holiday destination and a good place to live, whilst also having the benefits of the historic city of Lincoln 30 minutes’ drive away.

Please contact Neil Huddlestone, Assistant Headteacher – Professional Standards, should you require any further information or you would like to arrange a visit.

Yours sincerely

Simon Porter

Headteacher

*De Aston School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment*. *All postholders are subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS disclosure.*