



WHITLEY BAY HIGH SCHOOL

TEACHER OF DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Maternity Cover – Easter 2024 to Easter 2025 (In the first instance)

(Full or Part-time considered)

I am looking to appoint for Easter 2024 a Teacher of Design and Technology to join this highly successful department. Students enjoy the subjects on offer within the department and the related examination courses are popular at KS3, KS4 and KS5.

There are currently four full-time members of the teaching staff and a technician within the department. We have recently moved into our new curriculum area within the new building at Whitley Bay High School.

What follows is a summary of the courses offered within the school;

In Y9 the students can study from three areas within Design and Technology. These include Design and Technology, Robotics and Jewellery. We currently have nine Design and Technology classes, plus three classes in Robotics and three in Jewellery. All the Y9 classes work through a curriculum following the upper KS3 national curriculum linked to Design and Technology GCSE. We also offer clubs and competitions within our DT extracurricular provision.

We have a popular GCSE Design and Technology course, which we offer through Pearson Edexcel specification. The students are able to specialise in one of three material areas. We currently have in Y11, one timbers class, two systems classes and two paper and boards classes. These class numbers have been maintained over time. The results for our GCSE cohorts are consistently excellent and above national average. In 2023 all students passed the GCSE course and our FFT VA was +0.7.

At A level, we offer OCR Design Engineering and have 38 students enrolled in sixth form on this course. The popularity of this course is building year by year. Many of these students do go onto linked degree courses or advanced apprenticeships within the Design and Technology career pathways. The performance of the subject in 2023 was good and consistent with previous academic years results.

In addition

You will be a tutor within the school pastoral system and will join a team of tutors led by a Head of Year. You will be responsible for overseeing the welfare and progress of some 24 students in one of our 5-year groups.

The school enjoys the reputation for several reasons in the local community, one of which is the high quality and range of extracurricular provision. I therefore always expect to appoint people who will not only enthuse students in the classroom but who will also make exciting things happen within the wider context of the school.

Conclusion

This is a happy school with a strong reputation, not just in academic terms, but also in terms of the support on offer for our students and the extensive range of opportunities available.