



Teacher of Art & Design

The Post

The successful candidate will be:

- a graduate in Art & Design (with a specialism in Graphic Design being an advantage) or a related discipline and will preferably hold qualified teacher status
- able to demonstrate a proven record of excellence in the classroom
- expected to teach in at least two disciplines at Key Stage 3 (Fine Art, Graphic Design or 3D Design), with the possibility of teaching a specialism further up the school for a suitably qualified candidate
- ambitious, energetic, enthusiastic and able to plan independently and collaboratively for the further development of the department in line with the agreed aims of the school
- expected to have outstanding inter-personal skills and to command the respect of pupils, colleagues and parents
- empathetic to the Catholic and Benedictine ethos of the school
- contribute to the pastoral life of the school, specifically by taking on the responsibilities of a form tutor
- committed to his/her own professional development and, in particular, to the use of ICT as a tool for teaching and learning
- be expected to make a contribution to the co-curricular life of the school

Art & Design at St Benedict's

This position is an opportunity to join a forward looking and dynamic department, composed of five teachers (2 full-time and 3 part-time) and two full-time technicians.

The department is housed in spacious, purpose built accommodation consisting of a number of teaching studios, dedicated A Level studios, ICT suites running a number of CAD programs and equipped with a Laser Cutter and 3D Printer, a darkroom, library, a departmental team base/staffroom as well a newly equipped workshop with adjoining technician preparation area.

The Art & Design department at St Benedict's is unique in the breadth of the creative curriculum it offers. The department offers the traditional Fine Art practices alongside subjects that are commonly offered through Design Technology, including both 2D and 3D Design. The advantage of this approach is the focus of the Art & Design examination specifications on creativity and not process, allowing for greater experimentation and risk taking. The department offers the full breadth the Art & Design curriculum at Key Stage Three, with Year 8 and 9 classes rotating between the following three disciplines:

1. Fine Art: Drawing, Painting, Sculpture and Printmaking in the Art Studios
2. Graphic Design: Computer aided design, packaging, illustration in the ICT suites
3. 3D Design: Product, Furniture and Architectural Design using resistant materials in the workshop

KS3 groups have two 50-minute lessons per week and undertake a 9-week project in each discipline annually. At Key Stage Four students have the opportunity to opt for a GCSE endorsed course in one of the disciplines, leading to a similarly structured programme at A Level.

This role will involve teaching across Fine Art and Graphic Design at Key Stage 3 with the possibility to teach further up the school for a suitably qualified candidate. The role would ideally suit someone with a background in Graphic Design, but Art & Design or Design Technology teachers should not be discouraged from applying as training will be given. The successful candidate will be keen to work as part of a strong team and help build upon excellent examination results and successes in the wider community, including annual selection of students for the Royal Academy Schools' Prize.

Please see our Recruitment Pack for a full description of the School's Strategic Plan and significant opportunities for your professional development at St Benedict's.

Remuneration

Highly competitive salary based on experience and qualifications and will be reviewed annually.

Children of teaching staff are entitled to a fee discount.

Accommodation might be available.

Applications and Timetable

Candidates must apply using the enclosed application form. This must be completed in full and include the names, addresses and telephone numbers of TWO referees one of whom, if appropriate, should be your current employer.

Closing Date for completed applications: 12 noon, 6 May 2024.

Interviews will take place **w/c 13 May 2024**. If you have not heard by that time, you may assume your application has been unsuccessful.

The successful applicant will take up the post on **1st September 2024**.