



Derby Grammar School

Where you belong

Subject Lead for Design and Technology

Permanent

Full time

Start: September 2025

Salary: DGS Pay Scale

Suitable for ECTs

Closing date:

Interviews to be held week commencing:

We are seeking an excellent classroom practitioner to join Derby Grammar School as Subject Lead for Design and Technology. This is an exciting opportunity to work with highly motivated students and to develop the curriculum in the direction you believe to be the most appropriate for our students and the school.

About Derby Grammar School

Derby Grammar School is a leading independent school for children ages 4 to 18. Situated in the picturesque Derbyshire suburb of Littleover, our tranquil grounds offer the ideal setting for a first-class educational experience.

At Derby Grammar School, we strive to 'bring education to life' and ignite a passion for learning that stays with our pupils. Our smaller class size allows us to know each child as an individual, celebrating their unique strengths.

About the Role

The Design and Technology department at Derby Grammar School is a vibrant learning environment. Our curriculum encourages pupils to suggest creative solutions and develop, test and trial working models and prototypes for a variety of products using innovative concepts, materials and resources. This is an exciting opportunity for the right candidate to join our team, as we embrace being a coeducational school and join the Inspired Learning Group.

The successful candidate will be an excellent classroom teacher, with the ability to inspire and challenge all pupils to achieve their full potential through evidence-informed practice. They will develop creative opportunities for pupils both within the classroom and outside it. Our specialism in Design and Technology is Product Design. We are keen to hear from teachers

who have a passion for co-curricular activities, and the opportunity to lead our inclusive and popular Greenpower F24 team is available to a suitable candidate.

Derby Grammar School is a coeducational all-through school from Reception to Sixth Form. The school has a family feel and we enjoy a positive and constructive working relationship with our students. Design and Technology is studied by all pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 and is a popular option at GCSE, where we offer the AQA specification. At A Level many of our pupils have aspirations in technical and creative careers and we offer the AQA Product Design specification. The subject's timetable allocation reflects its significance in our curriculum, ranging from 1 hour 50 minutes per week in Year 7 to five and a half hours per week in Year 13. Design and Technology is housed in two dedicated workshops with a cutting room and benefits from specialist technician support.

Key Responsibilities

- Ensure that the Design and Technology curriculum fully meets the needs of all students and that it is effectively delivered in all respects.
- Develop appropriate specifications, resources, schemes of work, marking policies and teaching strategies in line with the overall School's development plan.
- Plan, prepare and deliver lessons in line with the departmental scheme of work and external examination specifications.
- Set and instil high expectations across the subject at all levels.
- Assess, record and report on pupil attainment, learning and progress, working to Departmental deadlines. Keeping a record of marks and assessments and using this information to inform teaching and learning, adapting methods as required to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils.
- Set and mark classwork and homework regularly in accordance with Departmental and School policies.

Qualifications and Experience

The successful candidate will demonstrate the following:

- A passion for Design and Technology and a high level of subject knowledge
- A good honours degree in a suitable subject
- Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)
- Strong knowledge of the Design and Technology curriculum and capacity to teach Product Design to A Level
- Sound awareness of the requirements of assessment at GCSE and A Level
- Knowledge of how pupils learn and are motivated in order to provide for the individual needs of all pupils
- Secure understanding of child protection and safeguarding

What We Offer

As part of the Inspired Learning Group, you will benefit from:

- Generous allocation of PPA time
- Small class sizes
- Work with highly motivated and able students who have aspirations to pursue a future in the technical and design sector
- Excellent facilities with three adjoining spaces providing access to digital design and manufacture, a large well resourced workshop and cutting room
- Dedicated technician support
- Competitive salary
- Annual salary reviews
- Professional development and training opportunities
- Fee discounts for staff children
- Pension scheme
- Access to a health care plan, covering a wide range of healthcare benefits
- Employee Assistance Program

Why Join Us?

This is your chance to play a key role in the academic development of Derby Grammar School. Design and Technology is a highly regarded subject, and you'll work in a polite and orderly environment where teachers are respected and valued by the school community, with the opportunity to deliver diverse and engaging co-curricular activities.

Safeguarding Statement

Derby Grammar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff are expected to share this commitment and will undergo rigorous checks, including enhanced DBS clearance.