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Roll No. 1028 (302 in Sixth Form)

CURRICULUM LEADER DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY + TLR 2B (£4,531)

Required for January 2020, an enthusiastic, well-qualified teacher of DT to lead the Technology department and teach bright, well-motivated pupils across the 11-18 age range, including GCSE and A Level. TWGGS is an outstandingly successful and oversubscribed selective school and the Technology department is well-equipped and supportive. This post would offer an experienced teacher rewarding opportunities in and out of the classroom, and excellent career development.

For further details and an application form, please see the school website www.twggs.kent.sch.uk or contact Mrs Louise Stewart-Smith at the school by e-mail or telephone. Deadline for applications: by noon on Monday 10th June 2019. Interviews to be held the following week.

TWGGS is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. As such, the successful applicant will be required to undertake a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). TWGGS is an equal opportunities employer.

Curriculum Leader of Design Technology

A purpose built block provides excellent facilities to teach Design Technology to highly motivated pupils in an inspiring and well equipped environment. The department enjoys the benefit of a refurbished workshop, a large graphics studio with excellent ICT facilities, a textile room equipped with a sewing machine for each pupil, and a Food Technology room nearby. Computer Aided Design and Manufacturing has become an integral part of the design process and the department is equipped with a laser cutter, a 3D printer, a vinyl cutter and a sublimation printer.

The pupils in KS3 undertake the following projects.

YEAR 7

Food – Healthy eating
Graphics – Adobe Illustrator
RM – Key rings -laser cutter
Textiles – E-Textiles

YEAR 8

Food – Multi Cultural Food
Graphics – Adobe Photoshop
RM – Jewellery/pewter casting
Textiles – I pad case / eco task

YEAR 9

Food – Understanding ingredients
RM – Alessi task – phone stands
Textiles - Well-being pillows

The ideal candidate would be required to teach Design Technology to pupils in Key Stage 3 – Sixth Form. The groups in Year 7 are half classes and in Year 8 & 9 there are approximately 22 girls in each class; pupils are highly motivated and enthusiastic.

The OCR GCSE option is popular and the girls use a range of materials to generate coursework projects of a high standard. The new specifications have allowed the pupils to learn core theory in Design Technology and we currently we have three classes in Year 10 who have selected either Textiles, Graphics or Resistant Materials as the specialist areas. In September 2019 there are two Year 10 classes scheduled, with Graphics as the selected focus.

At A Level the girls follow the Edexcel Product Design course and create architectural projects to meet to meet the new specification. Utilising CAD CAM and preparing portfolios for university interviews.

The Governing Body places a high priority on the provision of Technology at Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School, as witnessed by the expenditure over recent years; as a result the department is flourishing.

We are keen to appoint an energetic, flexible and enthusiastic teacher with creative ideas, able to implement plans and work positively and constructively as a member of a team. The curriculum is forward thinking, providing an opportunity for students and staff to thrive and develop.

TWGGGS is an 11 – 18 girls' selective school of about a thousand pupils, where girls are encouraged to be as active beyond the curriculum as they are within it. Trips, visits and extra-curricular activities are unrivalled in the state sector, but, more importantly, it is an amazingly happy, positive community to be part of. The prospectus is on the school's website which may be found at www.twggs.kent.sch.uk; the school prospectus and website will, we hope, give you a feel for the atmosphere and ethos of TWGGGS.

The post offers an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic candidate to lead a successful, supportive and inspirational department, building even further on its success. We are looking for a candidate who is passionate about the subject and keen to lead a department eager to inspire students to develop their skills in Design Technology to the very highest level. The school also prides itself on the number of extra-curricular clubs and opportunities available, and members of staff offer a range of activities in areas of personal interest; an enthusiasm for such involvement in the wider life of the school would be an advantage.

Having read about the post, we very much hope that you would like to apply: please complete the school application form and write a supporting letter, identifying your strengths and skills and showing how you feel you are well-suited to the post. Applications will be urgently considered upon receipt.

If you have not heard from us by 17th June, please assume that your application has been unsuccessful. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.