

Vacancy

Teacher of Design & Technology



Prior Park
College



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“ Prior Park College overlooks the UNESCO World Heritage City of Bath and is listed by the Oxford Royale Academy as one of the most beautiful boarding schools in the UK. ”



Message from the Headmaster

Thank you for taking an interest in the role of Teacher of Design and Technology at Prior Park College. We are excited to see how the successful applicant for this role will bring forward their ideas and energy to support our Design and Technology Department.

We hope that you find this brochure helpful and informative, but, should you require any further guidance, please do contact our HR team who will be happy to assist further.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Ben Horan, Head, Prior Park College, Bath

Mission Statement:

To steward a thriving family of communities with love for the young people they serve at their heart: communities which cultivate creativity, foster integrity, and transform lives.

Our Values:

Curiosity • Generosity • Courage



The School

With over 600 students, Prior Park College is led by Mr Ben Horan. It overlooks the historic city of Bath and is one of the largest independent co-educational, Christian school in a Catholic tradition, boarding and day schools in the UK. Whilst retaining full-time boarding at its heart, the College caters for day and weekly boarding students, offering stimulating opportunities for them to contribute to a vibrant and creative community. The College aims to inspire and challenge every one of its students to prepare them for the next stage of their lives.

Great schools, like Prior Park, help our students to explore who they are and find the adult they wish to be.

“ At Prior Park, our exceptional teaching , our staff who know every student personally, and our broad academic provision allow every learner to find their individual gifts, talents and passions, and make the very best of them. We encourage our students to embrace all the opportunities on offer - acting and singing in first class productions, competing for their team, producing impressive works of art and design, leading our charities work, participating in co-curricular clubs and activities, and taking a full role in House activities. ”

“ Prior is very much a community, where students look out for each other and after each other. ”



Prior Park Schools

Prior Park Schools is a family of Christian schools based in Bath and Gibraltar. Together, the Schools offer education for pupils aged between 3 and 18. Since the establishment of Prior Park College in 1830, the family has grown, with The Paragon School joining in 2006, and Prior Park School Gibraltar being opened by Prior Park Schools in 2016.

The Schools' Mission is to steward a thriving family of communities with love for the young people they serve at their heart. These vibrant communities cultivate creativity, foster integrity, and transform lives.

Across three sites, the Schools educate over 1100 young people of all faiths and none. The values underpinning the Mission and the Schools' educational offerings are Curiosity, Generosity, and Courage. The Schools believe that quality education changes lives and that outstanding schools are engines for positive social transformation.

Our Schools provide excellent teaching, equipping our young people to leave for a variety of exciting destinations. The success of what the Schools do in the classroom is intertwined with their co-curricular offerings. The young people undertake a wide variety of activities, which, in addition to being fun, challenge them to persevere to succeed. We work together imaginatively and courageously to hone the skills our young people need to forge their place in the world.

Prior Park Schools (PPS) have long been renowned for the quality of their pastoral care. Grounded in the love that sits at the centre of our Mission, our pastoral ethos allows young people to feel safe and secure to challenge themselves, to learn who they want to be, and to discover the difference they want to make.

Each of the Schools' Heads are supported by a Leadership Team, who together lead the day-to-day educational business of their respective schools. The Board of Trustees provides governance and support for the Heads and their schools via a number of Advisory Committees which include Local Boards for each of the schools, the Finance, Audit, Investment & Risk Committee (FAIR), an Education Committee and Safeguarding.

The Executive management of the schools is devolved to the Prior Executive Board (PEB) which comprises the Heads of each constituent school and The Director of Operations & Finance. The PEB drives the strategic development of PPS, ensuring that it is on track to deliver its Vision and thereby remains a market leader in independent education.

More information about our schools can be found at www.priorparkschools.com



The Person

We are looking for an inspiring, engaging, and talented teacher to join our experienced, friendly team, who has the relevant skills to teach Design and Technology across the key stages including A level. The successful candidate will be passionate about their subject, dedicated to providing exceptional learning experiences within and beyond the classroom, and keen to contribute to the wider aspects of the school life. We welcome applications from people of all faiths and none but an understanding of and support for the school's Catholic/Christian ethos is important for all staff. All teachers are expected to play a full part in the wider extra-curricular life of this busy boarding and day school.

Skills

- Be an outstanding teacher, with exceptional subject and pedagogical knowledge
- Excellent communication skills and the ability to build relationships with students, parents and colleagues
- Excellent planning, administration, and time management skills
- The ability to work to deadlines

Experience

- Educated to degree level with Qualified Teacher Status
- Evidence of a commitment to continuing professional development

Personal Qualities

- Leading by example with honesty and integrity
- Be able to take the initiative
- Have a good sense of humour and be flexible and adaptable

We welcome applications from both experienced and newly qualified teachers.



The Department

The award-winning Design and Technology department is well known throughout the school and the local area as being at the forefront of the subject. The main Design and Technology Center is fortunate to be situated in the beautiful, listed building of St Peters, one of the prestigious buildings which makes up the stunning Prior Park College. Although the Design and Technology Department is somewhat restricted within the confines of a Grade 1 listed Georgian building no expense has been spared to ensure that it has the very latest in hi tech facilities as well as the more traditional resources. The department currently comprises of three fulltime, one part-time and two technicians.

Due to the rise in popularity of the subjects across GCSE and A level, the last few years has seen significant investment into its facilities. As well as opening a state-of-the-art Product Design studio designated 6th Form teaching in 2017, the school has also invested heavily in 3D printing and laser cutting technologies. This has helped the department to be recognized as a center of excellence within this field.

Curriculum and Results

At present Design and Technology is delivered across all Key Stage 3 years and is regularly oversubscribed at GCSE with strong numbers continuing at A Level. The department currently follows the Edexcel Pearson Design and Technology course both at GCSE and A Level.

Due to the incredible setting, class sizes are limited to a maximum of 15 students at Key stages 3 and 4 and a maximum of 10 students in each class at A Level. There are currently three classes of 15 students at GCSE and two classes of 8 at A Level. Exam results are consistently strong with significant value added.

Results

A Level Results

Year	% A* - A	% A* - B	% A* - C
2022	77	92	100
2021	25	75	92
2020	29	71	93
2019	7	50	86

GCSE Results

Year	% 9 - 8	% 9 - 7	% 9 - 6	% 9 - 5
2022	48	76	97	100
2021	34	61	72	94
2020	36	61	82	97
2019	26	39	79	92



Resources and Accommodation

Set over three areas the department houses outstanding facilities which mirror that found in industry.

Innovation workshop - a very well equipped workspace which can accommodate up to 15 students. It has a CAD/CAM area which houses a CNC Router and Lathe as well as a newly installed Universal 100-watt Laser cutter. In addition, it has all the usual equipment such as strip heaters, vacuum formers, two new Hegner saws, bench drills, morticer, table router, wood turning lathe, spot welder and plethora hand tools many of which are portable electric ones. The workshop has a newly installed extraction system and has recently been fitted with new work benches, storage cupboards and solid wood work tops. There is also small heat treatment area with a brazing hearth and powder coating facilities. An additional sheltered outside space is used for larger metalwork projects and MIG welding. A staff only prep room is situated just off the workshop where stock materials and subsidiary tools are stored. This also houses a large table saw, band saw, planer thicknesser and chop saw.

Design Studio - The recently refurbished Design Studio is set up to be like a professional design studio where students can design and prototype to an exceptionally high standard. It is equipped with 17 desktop computers loaded with industry standard 2D and 3D software set around the sides of a large central seating area. With the usual printing and scanning facilities this space also houses a full sublimation printing setup with printer and A3 heat press, as well as a small vacuum forming machine. Soldering stations are also present with a small extraction system. An interactive white board, projector and wireless visualiser really helps to convey the finer details of soldering and sketching. A Roland GX-24 optical vinyl cutter is also situated on this floor along with 8 industry standard 3D Printers.

Product Design Studio - September 2017 saw the opening of the new 6th Form Product Design Studio which is situated in the beautifully listed Old Ball Court. Like the other teaching spaces this multifunctional professional space is fully equipped with all the latest technologies and equipment. Designed to take no more than 12 students the brand new space houses a full CNC suite with large 3D router, lathe and milling machine. It also has a Universal 100 watt Laser Cutter, UP Box+ 3D printer and a bank of high specification laptops loaded with the latest 2D and 3D CAD software. In addition, it has all the usual equipment found in a workshop space with two Hegner saws, bandsaw, bench drills, morticer, bobbin and disc sander, table router, wood turning lathe, engineering lathe, spot welder and plethora of hand tools. Students also have a full range of Bosch professional cordless tools at their disposal. New work benches are set up with both practical and theory teaching in mind with ample storage and worktop space. In short it is an outstanding teaching and learning space which our talented students are fully embracing!

Personal Learning Device

From September 2020 all students have each been provided with personal learning devices with touchscreen functionality, running Windows 10 and the Office 365 suite. For students studying Design and Technology the devices are also installed with the department's 2D and 3D software packages as well as Adobe's Creative Suite.

Extra-Curricular Activities and Trips

We believe that it is vital to promote interest and enthusiasm for the subject beyond the constraints of the specifications, to engender intellectual curiosity and to develop the capacity for independent thought.



The Position

Main Responsibilities and Tasks

Teaching and Learning

- Plan, deliver and review academically challenging and inspirational lessons
- Contribute significantly to the development of Design & Technology provision at Prior Park
- Ensure lessons meet the needs of individual students in accordance with advice from the SENCO Medical team, and House staff
- Assessing, recording, and reporting on the development and attainment of students in line with department policy
- Organising and participating in subject focused extra-curricular activities

Continuing Professional Development

- To ensure up to date knowledge of educational issues and trends
- To identify training needs in consultation with the Head of Department
- To participate in the induction programme as required by the Deputy Head

Parents

- To prepare academic reports, provide subject information to parents, attendance at Parents' Evenings and response to subject related parental enquiries

General Duties

- To contribute to the extra-curricular programme of the school, which may include evenings and weekends
- To act as a House tutor in being part of a team reporting to a Housemaster/ Housemistress and making a full contribution to House associated events
- To adhere to and implement the school's behaviour policy
- Participate in the system of cover for absent colleagues
- To be familiar with the Common Room Handbook and school guidance policies
- To ensure that Health and Safety procedures are followed

Please note this list is not exhaustive and other additional, reasonable tasks falling within the capabilities of the post holder may be required, depending on the needs of the College.



The Benefits - Why Prior Park College?

There is an extensive induction programme for all new colleagues and we encourage ongoing professional development through generous CPD provision at a school, department and individual level. Individual support and coaching for career progression, internally and externally, is provided by members of the Senior Management Team. Apart from working in an inspiring environment and making an important contribution to our School community, we also offer a range of personal benefits, these include:



The Benefits - Why Bath?

Reasons why it's great to live and work in Bath

Local Economy

Bath has many strengths to support economic growth; an enviable quality of life; a World Heritage city; two high quality Universities; a strong Further Education sector and a well-qualified workforce. Forecasts suggest continued confidence in the area with ongoing growth and investments for the next few years.

Culture

For its size, Bath is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city with plenty of independent shops, restaurants and cultural attractions. Start your day with brunch in an artisan bakery, take a dip in Bath's natural thermal waters at the Spa and finish with a show at the Theatre Royal. It is also the only UK city to be designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Quality of life

Bath has been voted the UK's most family friendly City in which to live (moneysupermarket) and offers a lifestyle to rival any of the UK's big cities. It has an incredible range of leisure and cultural activities. Employment rates are above average and public services and transport links are excellent. Surrounded by beautiful Georgian architecture and stunning countryside, it has something for everyone, making Bath one of the most desirable places to live and work.



Transport

With Bath city centre being fairly compact and largely pedestrianised, it's easy to walk around the city to visit its most popular attractions. However, it is also fully equipped with a series of bus services available along with the Bath Spa railway station located in the city centre, with plenty of trains that connect the city to the rest of the district and beyond. You can be in London in an hour and a half and Bristol in 15 minutes. But it is the little villages and towns surrounding Bath that make great day trips.

Surrounded by nature

With an array of parks, Notably Victoria Park, Henrietta Park and Alexandra Park – the latter with its magnificent panoramic views of the city, and hills accompanying the famous Georgian landscape, Bath makes for a very attractive, green city.

Sustainability

Bath practises and promote sustainable management, understanding the World Heritage Site's unique qualities and its world-wide significance.

The Process

To apply for this role, please complete our application form which can be downloaded from the school website www.thepriorfoundation.com/vacancies

Applications should be emailed to the HR Department: recruitment@priorparkschools.com

Interviewing on receipt of successful application.

References of those invited to interview will be taken up.

For an informal chat or to answer any questions relating to this position, please contact- recruitment@priorparkschools.com

Child Protection

Prior Park Schools is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and the school is therefore permitted to ask job applicants to declare all convictions and cautions (including those which are "spent" unless they are "protected" under the DBS filtering rules) in order to assess their suitability to work with children.

Data Protection

In the course of employment at Prior Park Educational Trust, staff may have access to confidential information relating to pupils and their families and are required to exercise due consideration in the way they use such information. Staff should not act in any way which might be prejudicial to the School's interest. Information which may be included in the category covers both the general business of the school and information regarding specific individuals. A strict code of confidentiality must be adhered to at all times. The School is registered under the Data Protection Act 2018 and operates under policies that meet General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Staff must not at any time use the personal data held by the school or disclose such data to a third person.





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