



Teacher of Design Technology

MPS Full time (TLR Available for a suitable candidate)

We would welcome applications from NQT's for a September 2019 start.

Langtree School is the smallest secondary school in Oxfordshire, with a current roll of 600 fantastic students who are, quite simply, a pleasure to teach. Our small size is our greatest strength as we are a community in which students are known and valued as individuals and in which they can thrive with the close support of a dedicated team of subject specialist teachers. Many parents choose Langtree for this reason, and we remain heavily oversubscribed for places.

In June 2017 we were designated as Good with Outstanding features by Ofsted, although we do not prioritise Ofsted grading or League Table positions preferring to do what is right for our students and community. To this end we are committed to delivering a curriculum which is appropriate to the needs of our students and the technology and creative subjects are central to our role of education in its broadest sense and preparing our students for Life after Langtree.

Langtree is a dynamic environment in which to work and we are seeking an outstanding Teacher of Design Technology and Resistant Materials who has the energy, enthusiasm and commitment to help us to move the department – and the school - on still further. There is the possibility of a promoted post for the right candidate.

Langtree has specialist status in the Performing Arts, and creativity is central to the ethos of our school. We have also been designated as a High Performing Specialist School which led to the award of Leading Edge Status in 2011. Langtree also converted to Academy Status in April of 2012. The future is very exciting for our community and this is a wonderful opportunity for a creative and enthusiastic teacher to join an ambitious and vibrant school with a very exciting future. In order to gain more of a flavor of the vibrant learning community at Langtree, please visit our website at www.langtreeschool.com

Langtree is an outstanding school in which to teach. We enjoy the pleasure of working with some excellent young adults who have considerable desire to succeed. The school is situated in a designated area of outstanding natural beauty in rural south Oxfordshire with easy access to Oxford, Reading and London. Our GCSE results are consistently among the best in the county and always in the top 25% nationally.

This exciting post offers the opportunity for a creative and enthusiastic teacher who has the vision, passion and creativity to develop Design Technology further in our school to join an outstanding staff team. For the right candidate we are prepared to offer a TLR for taking on a leadership role within the subject or department.

In 2012 we opened a fully refurbished Design Technology suite following a £175 000 refit. The area now boasts a discrete design studio, including a suite of PCs, 3D Printing facilities and a laser cutter, alongside a fully refurbished workshop area. There is a separate staff office and storage facilities. In addition to this area, there is also a specialist Food Technology room with sufficient classroom space to also deliver a textiles course at KS3.

At KS3, we run a carousel of technology options which include Food Technology, Textiles, Design Technology, Music Technology and Visual Communication. Students are introduced to appropriate software packages to support their learning including the Adobe Suite and Cubase. The Technology team currently comprises of a head of Department, a Head of Food Technology and a Technology Technician who is herself a trained Technology teacher.

At KS4, our options of Product Design, an internally written MAterials Technology course and Food Technology are all very popular. Standards have risen beyond all expectations in recent years, and Design Technology now boasts some of the highest value added scores in the school.

Furthermore, we have developed some exciting links with local business. We are part of a Schools Link programme with BP, who support our STEM agenda in a wide range of ways. BP staff are keen to come into Langtree to work alongside our students and to support our Creativity Days during the course of the year. We also have links with Philip Koomen, recently described by the BBC as 'one of the finest craftsman in Britain today', who lives and works locally. The department also has a link with the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford, where students have displayed their work. Technology has certainly become very well known at Langtree, and this post would provide the right candidate with a very exciting opportunity to take the subject on to even greater success.

If you feel that this post is of interest to you, and that you would be keen to join the staff at Langtree, then we would be delighted to receive your application. Applications for this post, by application form and letter, should be submitted to Jane Stephens, Headteacher's PA to mtaylorlane@langtreeschool.com. Applications will be reviewed and processed on receipt and candidates interviewed at the earliest opportunity therefore an early application is recommended. An Application pack can be downloaded from the school website.

Candidates are invited to address the following questions in their letter of application:

- What are the key principles of an outstanding lesson?
- What personal qualities do you possess which you feel would help you to make a success of this role?
- How has your previous experience – or experience to date as a trainee - prepared you for this post?

I do hope that you are interested in this opportunity, and if so I look forward to receiving your application.

Simon Bamford, January 2019.