



DESIGN and TECHNOLOGY FACULTY INFORMATION

The Design and Technology faculty at Haslingden High School and Sixth Form consists of a strong and supportive team of dedicated staff who have wide-ranging knowledge and expertise and a wealth of experience across all areas and disciplines. In addition to the Curriculum Leader and Assistant Curriculum Leader, the faculty has three further full-time teachers and another two who teach part-time in the faculty. We are supported by a part-time technician in food and a full-time technician in D&T. We are looking for the right person to compliment this already strong team, who understands D&T holistically and has ideas about how we can further develop.

The faculty has some excellent facilities; we have fully embraced new technology whilst being in the fortunate position to be able to keep some of the more “traditional” approaches. For example, we have 3D printers and two high-quality laser cutters, together with two dedicated computer suites. In addition to this, the faculty has one food room, a large multi-purpose classroom with additional networked PCs, preparation areas and two very large workshops, both of which have separate areas for practical work and designing and are generously equipped with a wide range of machines, tools and equipment.

Consequently, this means that we are able to offer a diverse, ambitious and “hands-on” curriculum. In years 7, 8 and 9 all students currently follow a carousel in which they study materials, systems and control, designing and food in each of the three years. All students in KS3 have one double lesson (1 hour 40 minutes) each week in which to develop knowledge, skills and understanding by undertaking a good balance of focused practical tasks, investigations, design and make activities and academic work. They are taught in mixed ability groups of up to 23 students.

In KS4 students can opt for GCSEs in Design and Technology (currently AQA 8552) and Food Preparation and Nutrition. In addition, we offer the Cambridge National in Health and Social Care at Levels 1/2. In KS5 students can choose A-level Product Design (currently AQA 7552) and the Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care. The successful candidate will teach D&T across the full ability range in Key Stages 3 and 4, and may also contribute towards A-level Product Design. Our subjects are consistently popular with students at KS4 and 5 and we also offer a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, including after-school clubs and participation in outside tournaments and competitions.

The D&T faculty at Haslingden is a strong team with excellent facilities and vision for the future. In addition to equipping our students with academic qualifications we aim to develop the whole child and help them become resilient and inquisitive learners. We aim to excite and inspire them to become innovative and creative, by providing a curriculum experience which develops practical and problem-solving skills, technical knowledge and an understanding of our subjects in the world around them. In doing so, this will prepare them for the fast-changing life beyond school. This is a fantastic opportunity for the successful applicant to make a significant contribution to this, and work with talented students and staff in a wonderful school.

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