



BURGESS HILL — GIRLS —

Teacher of Art and Textile Design
(full time, maternity cover, 1.5 terms)

Required for February 2023

We are looking for a highly motivated, inspirational, enthusiastic and well qualified teacher of Art and Textile Design to teach a broad and challenging curriculum to Years 7 to 13. The successful candidate will also be capable of confidently delivering lessons in a range of different disciplines, such as painting, ceramics and photography. They will have a passion for art and be able to contribute to the rich co-curricular life of the subject. This is an exciting opportunity to work in an inspirational team at a school that prides itself on its exceptional record of success in Art and Design. We have an extensive co-curricular programme and there is an expectation that the successful candidate will commit to this.



ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Location

The School is situated in a very pleasant thirteen-acre site in the conservation area of the town. Burgess Hill is a medium sized town with its own theatre, orchestra, cinema and leisure centre. Burgess Hill is approximately ten miles from Brighton and Lewes, fifteen miles from Crawley and fifty miles from the centre of London. It is well served with fast roads – the M23 and M25. The school is a three minute walk from the railway station.

Facilities

The School is a blend of Victorian buildings and ultra-modern facilities and there has been a steady development of the facilities.

Curriculum

The School offers a full range of GCSE and A level courses in preparation for university entrance.

Pastoral care

Our pastoral system is designed to encourage and support the development of each individual student from the moment she arrives in school until the time she leaves. We want to provide each student with the skills and confidence to help her to make the most of her time with us, at university and beyond. Implicit in the School aims is the expectation that every teacher will accept responsibility for the development in each pupil not only of the highest academic standards, but also of the confidence and self-esteem which comes from being valued as an individual within a community.

Co-curricular activities

We believe that education is about giving young people the chance to be successful in as wide a range of areas as possible, and to feel a sense of pride in their achievements. Co-curricular activities give each student wonderful opportunities to explore her own talents and develop her individual skills to her full potential. The successful applicant will be expected to work effectively as part of the Art team and play a full part in the wide range of co-curricular activities with which the department is involved. They will be encouraged to draw on their own interests and expertise to assist the department in continuing to promote a positive image of Art throughout the school.

The Department

Art and Design, Fine Art and Textile Design are thriving subjects at Burgess Hill Girls and they are extremely well supported by both staff and students. At present the Department consists of a full time Head of Art, a full time subject lead in Art Textiles, an Art technician, and further teacher of Art and Textile Design. The Head of Art is a moderator and examiner for AQA. A lesson is 40 minutes and at present Art is taught as follows:

Lower School

Years 7 and 8 2 lessons per week (a double)
Textiles is taught on a rotation with Design Technology.

Upper School

Years 9 - 11 4 lessons per week (two doubles)
Art and Textile Design are popular subjects. There are two sets of Art in each GCSE year.

Sixth Form

Years 12 and 13 8 lessons per week (four doubles)

We follow the AQA Art and Design specification at GCSE (Fine Art and Textile Design) and the EDUQAS Art and Art Textiles specification at A level. The Department boasts an exceptional record of success (100% A*/A at A level and Grades 8/9 at GCSE).

At present we run co-curricular sessions for GCSE and A level artists every day after school, and a range of co-curricular activities for all students: Pottery Club, Art Club, Life Drawing club and Photography Club. Students are regularly placed in prestigious competitions such as The Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show. A level students win places on highly respected

institutions every year, such as The University of the Arts London, Goldsmiths, Leeds and Falmouth. The standard of Art within the school is exceptional.

The department benefits from having a large exhibition space to display students' work and two large and light filled studios, one of which is dedicated solely for the use of our sixth form art students where each has her own workspace. There is a media room where photography, moving image and digital manipulation is taught, and there is access to a kiln. In all key stages, lessons are taught to mixed creative ability groups. Throughout the department, pupils work in a range of media and seamlessly blend traditional skills, experimentation and digital manipulation.

The Art Department is a forward-thinking department, providing a relevant creative education for the 21st century.

Should applicants wish to discuss the role in more detail they are welcome to contact Emma Levett – Head of Art and Design: emma.levett@burgesshillgirls.com



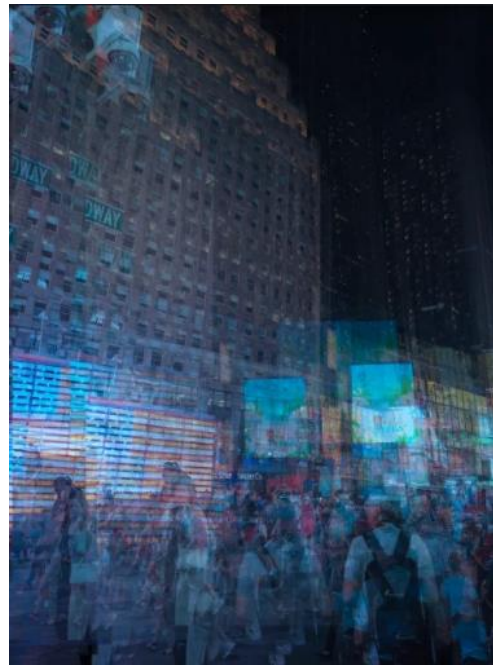
The Role

We are looking for a full-time teacher of Art and Textile Design to join the team and assume the following responsibilities:

- Implement and deliver an appropriate, broad balanced Art curriculum from Year 7 to 13
- Teach Art and Textile Design up to GCSE and/or A level, preparing and updating subject materials
- Assess and report on student progress and achievement.
- Ensure a high quality learning experience for students
- Use a variety of delivery methods which will stimulate learning appropriate to pupil needs with good use of ICT
- Make a major contribution to in the Art and Textiles co-curricular programme
- Contribute to the development of new schemes of work and departmental initiatives

REQUIREMENTS for the POSITION

- Proactive and a strong team player, showing a clear and infectious passion for art
- Experience of the delivery of GCSE and A level teaching
- Flexible, adaptable, with good organisational skills and confident in the use of ICT
- Use own interests and expertise to assist the department in continuing to stimulate a positive image of Art and Textile Design throughout the school.
- Newly qualified teachers will be considered as well as experienced teachers.



RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Candidates are required to submit an application form with supporting letter and details of two referees. One reference should be able to comment on the teaching skills of the candidate. References will be taken up prior to interview.

Applications will be considered as they are submitted and some may be pursued in advance of the final deadline. The closing date for applications is 5.00pm on Wednesday 4th January 2023

Short-listed candidates will be contacted by telephone and interviews will take place in the week beginning 9th January. There is some flexibility on the start date for the right candidate.

Candidates who have not heard from the School by the end of February should presume that we will not be taking their application further.

Candidates will be required to teach a short lesson on a topic to be decided, complete a relevant task and attend an interview. They will also meet with key staff and be offered a tour of the School.

All appointments are made in accordance with our equal opportunities policy and applicants should let us know of any special needs they may have.

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