

VANDYKE UPPER SCHOOL

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TEACHER OF DESIGN TECHNOLOGY WITH FOOD TECHNOLOGY

REQUIRED SEPTEMBER 2026

MPS-UPS - £32,916 - £51,047

An exciting opportunity to be part of a strong team in a growing and thriving Academy with a clear vision and ambition for our students. This post would suit either an experienced or early career teacher. We are seeking to appoint an outstanding teacher with the ability to inspire others to take up an exciting new post in our growing DT/Food team.

In return, we can offer you:

- the opportunity to work in a thriving school
- a vibrant and supportive environment with excellent opportunities for career development
- a strong team with a clear vision and ambition for all students
- an outstanding working environment and facilities including food and DT workshops

Students have five lessons of art/design technology/food technology per fortnight in Year 9. At KS4 we offer GCSE Design Technology, Hospitality and Catering and at KS5 3D Design. The faculty also offers GCSE and A-Level Fashion and Textiles.

The design technology area has a series of well-equipped workshops, well-appointed kitchens, textiles room, IT suite and heat bay. The DT Team are supported by specialist technicians.

You will be joining a school with an excellent reputation for high quality staff/student relationships and staff retention. The school is over-subscribed with 1520 students on roll with large Sixth Form of 420.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people. References and an online search will be carried out for all shortlisted candidates. An enhanced DBS check is required for all successful applicants.

Visits to the school are encouraged, please contact Jo Sessions (details below) if you would like to visit the school.

Please visit our website at www.vandyke.beds.sch.uk for further information and an application form, or contact Mrs Jo Sessions, PA to Headteacher on 01525 636700 or via email recruitment@vandyke.org.uk

Closing date: 12 noon, Friday 15th May 2026

Interviews will take place w/c 18th May 2026

Once we have received sufficient applications the vacancy will close, so if you are interested you are advised to apply immediately. If you are short-listed for interview, details will be sent to you via email to the address provided on your application form. You are therefore advised to check your email on a regular basis.