

# ABINGDON LEARNING TRUST



## Design Technology/Visual Arts Teacher (maternity cover)

**Salary Grade:** MPS/UPS (if post threshold)

**Contract Type:** Temporary in the first instance, part-time or full time (negotiable for the right candidate)

**Closing Date:** Monday 18 May 2026 at 9.00 a.m.

**Please note:** Applications may be shortlisted as they are received. We reserve the right to close this vacancy early if a suitable candidate is appointed. Therefore, we strongly recommend submitting your application as soon as possible. A TLR leadership position may also be offered for a candidate with suitable experience.

**Interview Date:** Friday 22 May 2026

**Start date:** June or Sept 2026

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, enthusiastic and reflective Design Technology/Visual Arts teacher to join our well-established and successful faculty.

The Visual Arts Faculty at John Mason School is a faculty that has developed a rich curriculum offer across KS3-5. The team are dedicated to the principle that, if taught well, all students can be artistically and creatively successful. At JMS we teach Art and Design disciplines up to KS5 (under an Art & Design syllabus), which allows for creative expression and innovation with processes, strengthening learning links with other art and design subjects. Leaders in the faculty work to ensure positive staff wellbeing and manageable workload, ably assisted by a skilled team of technicians.

Applications are invited from reflective, disciplined, motivated and inspiring practitioners with specialisms in one or more of the creative design disciplines (Textiles, Graphics, 3D Design/RM, Food), who have the capacity to deliver outstanding teaching, ensuring that students achieve their full potential.

The successful candidate will understand principles of a knowledge and skills rich curriculum and have an understanding of relevant techniques in specialist disciplines. They will be passionate about personal improvement and promoting and teaching Visual Arts.

If you are committed to inspiring your students to learn how visual arts help them to understand the world, express themselves through visual communication, and value the transferable skills developed through purposeful practice, then we encourage you to apply.

The successful candidate will be:

- an enthusiastic artist-designer, able to ignite interest in from students and colleagues;
- committed to ensuring that all students reach their potential regardless of prior attainment;
- capable of promoting partnerships and collaborative working in our school, across the Abingdon Learning Trust and in the wider artistic teaching community.
- a role model for our students and staff;
- effective in setting and attaining high standards of student progress;
- active in working to develop their own teaching practice.

In return we will offer you:

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- the support and satisfaction of being part of a dynamic and creative team led by very experienced and highly motivated staff.
- students who have a desire to achieve and respect the school's expectations.
- a programme of supported induction and continuing professional development firmly rooted in educational research.
- a commitment to supporting the well-being of all staff.

***An application pack is available from the John Mason School website***  
<https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/joining-us/vacancies/>

***CVs alone are not acceptable.***

Abingdon Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding children and young people. All post holders in regulated activity are subject to appropriate vetting procedures and a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service Enhanced check. The Trust is fully committed to the principles of equal opportunity, diversity and inclusion and welcomes applications from less well represented groups in the school and Trust. Posts in regulated activity are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) 1974 and all shortlisted candidates will be required to disclose information about their previous criminal convictions. All staff are expected to promote fundamental British values.