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Teacher of Art & Design: Photography

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Our School

Denstone College is an independent boarding and day school for pupils aged 4-18 set in rural Staffordshire. The school has over 750 pupils with 100 being part of our on site Prep School.

In 2023 the College celebrated 150 years. The high standard of wellbeing and academic provision is remarkable, and this has been confirmed by the latest Ofsted, ISI inspections and hieda (Health in Education Association). A Level results are usually in line with those of the very best all-round schools nationally.

Denstone offers boarding from aged 7 through to 18 with a range of boarding options available, from full time to flexible boarding in our boarding facilities around campus.

With dedicated, talented and inspiring staff, fantastic facilities and as impressive a rural setting as you could find, we balance the pursuit of academic excellence with a broad co-curricular programme. Denstone College offers students more than 40 sports and activities.

The College offers opportunities for a range of co-curricular activities including outdoor pursuits, music and drama.

Meet The Head

Lotte Tulloch

To define a Denstone education is to look beyond the here and now, to gaze in to the future and imagine what our children will become.

Parents invest emotionally in the College, safe in the knowledge that their children will be taught well, coached wisely and raised to be upstanding citizens of the future. They will be confident and happy and both interesting and interested.

Our commitment to the individual needs of each child surpasses the expected and as a result, our diverse community conforms to no stereotypes.

As Head, I believe passionately in the celebration of success and allowing that positive culture to bleed through all elements of school life. Children need positivity, excellent role-models and a platform from which to shine; to be their own beacon of excellence.

No website, prospectus, virtual tour or social media platform can do this College justice – a place which thrives on human interaction and relationships. Please do take the time to come and see us in action – the door is always open.

Lotte Tulloch
Head

Our Vision

Our Vision is simple, as a provider of independent education, we aspire to encourage our pupils to jump up and down, making a difference in areas they have a passion in.

Woodard Schools

The Woodard Corporation is a significant charity founded on the vision of Canon Nathaniel Woodard, providing high quality education in an actively Christian school environment for all. Today, Woodard educates over 30,000 pupils across academy, independent and state maintained schools. Our aim is to be the educational provider of choice and a valued voice in UK education.

Mission Statement

To provide inspiration, discovery, and understanding to our pupils by delivering excellence in the classroom and beyond.

Create opportunities by providing the highest possible standards of educational achievement in an environment where pupils are encouraged to realise their true potential.

To support the stresses each one of our community faces, offering an education which is balanced with academic excellence and co-curricular exploration.

Remain true to the Woodard corporations founding values, widening access to a sound Christian education.

Unlock Denstonacity

At Denstone College, we have a word to describe our pupils, parents and staff, it is Denstonacity, this is a noun which describes us as having ‘the ambition to explore every possible version of ourselves.’

As a College and Prep, we want to empower our community into being able to make a difference in the world, creating role models all around our campus.

The Campus

Denstone College sits within 150 acres of rural Staffordshire, with a large variety in activities and provisions to provide a fantastic well rounded education for all.

Across the site we have a range of dedicated teaching spaces and a fantastic library, offering engaging and exciting space to learn. At the heart of the school is St Chad's Chapel, a facility all pupils experience as part of their day to day life. We also have a theatre, and recently renovated Dining Room experience.

We have multi-use facilities across the campus through our Sports Hall and Astro-turfs, these have provided opportunities to compete and enjoy hockey, netball, badminton, tennis, basketball, football, martial arts and even our own climbing wall.

With sports in mind, we have a range of pitches suitable for cricket, rugby, lacrosse, football and a dedicated running track. The school also has its own Athletic Development Centre, supporting not just our high performance athletes but also every other pupil. Two facilities which help Denstone stand out are our on-site swimming pool as well as our 9 hole golf course situated at the back of the school.

Role Overview

Teacher of Art & Design: Photography (Part-Time)

Art is a popular and highly successful area of study at Denstone. The department thrives on the diversity of each student and has clear focus for each stage of a pupil's development, with personal and individual responses encouraged from all students.

The department currently consists of two full time members of staff who have specialist expertise in a wide field of art alongside one other teacher who shares teaching with the neighbouring Design & Technology department. It is a well-resourced department with facilities for ceramics, photography, printing, fine art and textiles, with nearby IT rooms also available for use. The emphasis to record from life whenever possible is paramount to the students learning and the department has an array of displays that students can work from.

AQA A Level Fine Art and AQA GCSE Fine Art are both highly popular and well-established courses within the department. Typically, two GCSE groups study Fine Art in both the Fourth Form (Year 10) and Fifth Form (Year 11). Outcomes for students are consistently excellent: in the Summer 2025 examinations, 100% of A Level students achieved a grade B or higher, while at GCSE, 65% of candidates secured a grade 7 or above.

The department aims to provide a programme of work for each year group which encourages good practice in Art and Design education through the production of a comprehensive portfolio of work by each pupil. In the Lower School (our first, second and third forms) pupils are involved in a foundation course which provides a rounded education in many aspects of the subject, from formal drawing and creative graphic work to three-dimensional work in a variety of materials and digital images. Art is also often offered as an activity on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, when pupils can have extra time to develop their coursework as well as experimenting with other materials and techniques.

To accommodate expanding pupil numbers we are looking for a specialist teacher of Photography to teach and support students in this subject at both GCSE and A-Level. The successful candidate will have experience in this specialist area, demonstrating the ability to work flexibly within the Art department to nurture interest and support excellent student outcomes in these qualifications. There will also be opportunities to contribute more generally to the thriving art programme across the College.

This role is initially offered on a part-time basis (exact details of which will be agreed with the successful candidate). There may also be opportunities to be involved in other aspects of College life, such as tutoring and co-curricular activities and sport, over this time.

Job Description

Job title: Teacher

Responsible to: Head of Department

Duties & Responsibilities:

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The following duties shall be deemed to be included in the professional duties which you may be required to perform:

Teaching

- Planning and preparing courses and lessons.
- Teaching, according to their educational need, the pupils assigned to you; setting and marking work (including examinations) to be carried out by the pupils in College or elsewhere.
- Assessing, recording and reporting on the development, progress and attainment of pupils.

Other Activities

- Promoting the general progress and wellbeing of individual pupils and of any class or group of pupils assigned to you.
- Providing guidance and advice to pupils on educational and social matters.
- Making records and reports on the personal and social needs of the pupils.
- Communicating and consulting with the parents of pupils.
- Communicating and co-operating with persons or bodies outside the College.
- Participating in meetings arranged for any of the purposes described above.
- Accompanying pupils on trips away from the College.
- Assessment and reports.
- Providing or contributing oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual pupils and groups of pupils.

Appraisal

- Participating in any arrangements that may be made for teacher appraisal.
- Further training and development.
- Reviewing from time to time your methods of teaching and programme of work.
- Participating in arrangements for your professional development.
- Undertaking such training as may be reasonably required by the College to enable you to adapt to the changing requirements of the College and your role or as may be necessary to fulfill the College's statutory or regulatory obligations.

Educational Methods

- Advising and co-operating with the Head and other teachers (or any one or more of them) on the preparation and development of courses of study, teaching materials, teaching programmes, methods of teaching and assessment of pastoral arrangements.

- Child protection, discipline, health and safety.
- Promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for whom you are responsible and with whom you came into contact.
- Maintaining good order and discipline among the pupils and safeguarding their health and safety both when they are on the College premises and when they are engaged in authorised College activities elsewhere.

Staff Meetings

- Participating in meetings at the College which relate to the curriculum for the College or the administration or organisation of the College, including pastoral arrangements.

Public Examinations

- Participating in arrangements for preparing pupils for and supervising them during public examinations and providing assessments.

Administration

- Participating in administrative and organisational tasks related to such duties as are described above, including the management or supervision of persons providing support for the teachers in the College and the ordering and allocation of equipment and materials.
- Attending assemblies, registering the attendance of pupils and supervising pupils, whether these duties are to be performed before, during or after the College sessions.

Flexibility

- You may be required to undertake such other reasonable duties from time to time as the College may reasonably require.,

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