



The British International School of Shanghai, Pudong Campus

Job Description – Head of Design Technology

Introduction

The British International School of Shanghai, Pudong, is an all-through school of approximately 1,200 students aged from 18 months to 18 years. There are 60 nationalities represented within the student body.

Design Technology is an extremely popular and highly successful subject within the school, achieving outstanding academic results at all levels. All students study Design Technology at Key Stage 3 and it is also offered at IGCSE and IB. Within Key Stage 3, students currently follow Resistant Materials and Textiles. The school is keen to look at introducing Food Technology and expand either Food Technology or Textiles into GCSE.

The Head of Design Technology will teach Product Design at Key Stages 4 and 5. A second teacher has a part timetable in Key Stage 3. A new suite of Design Technology rooms was opened in August 2013. This is a fabulous facility with purpose built rooms and well-stocked resources for all activities.

Design Technology lies within the Creative Arts Faculty along with Music, Art and Drama. The role of Head of Faculty may be available for the right candidate.

Purpose of the Job

Design Technology offers an additional creative opportunity which is important for so many students. The Head of Design Technology will inspire students every day and will support other teachers and leaders in this area to produce the best possible lessons and activities that will enthuse and challenge every student.

Responsibilities

In addition to the responsibilities for a teacher, the responsibilities for the Head of Design Technology include:

- creating regular opportunities for teachers to share, reflect and improve on classroom practice
- leading Department meetings, ensuring a focus on improving student outcomes
- overseeing the development of a progressive and challenging curriculum
- ensuring assessment and feedback strategies are of the highest standards and have a direct impact on improving the quality of teaching and learning
- as a member of the team of Curriculum Leaders, playing a major role in ensuring the development of teaching and learning policies and practices across the school

- supporting teachers in the timely and effective reporting of information to parents
- developing Design Technology to be an example of excellence to others within and beyond the school
- ensuring all staff follow the expectations of the school and maintain the highest professional standards at all times

All members of staff contribute to the school's extra-curricular programme and are expected to play a full part in the life of the school.

Person Specification

The Head of Design Technology will be:

- an outstanding teacher
- a trusted colleague
- student focussed
- a highly effective communicator
- adaptable and flexible to changes of circumstance
- a hard worker
- enthusiastic and compassionate

The successful candidate will possess strong leadership skills, able to develop and inspire staff who are already performing at a high level.

Experience of teaching post-16 Design Technology is essential. IB experience would be an advantage.

Benefits

The British International School of Shanghai, Pudong and Nord Anglia Education will offer you an outstanding opportunity to lead in an international school of the highest standard. You will make a difference to the personal development of hundreds of young people and to the staff who work in the school.

The financial remuneration is comparable to that of the UK and there are additional benefits including housing and health insurance. You will receive professional support and development which will challenge you each day and prepare you for further career accomplishments.

China is an exciting country with an increasing influence on our world. You will live in Shanghai, a cosmopolitan world city, one which continues to develop each year within a healthy and growing economy. There are wonderful opportunities to visit and experience different parts of China and other East Asian countries.