



APPOINTMENT OF A 3D ART & DESIGN SPECIALIST FULL-TIME

From September 2021 (or as soon as possible thereafter)

The Post

After 26 years at St Chris, our current outstanding Head of 3D Art and Design is moving to a new post, and as part of re-structuring we have an exciting opportunity for a full-time Second in Department. The appointee will work as part of a committed and creative team, to help ensure that this highly successful and thriving area continues to grow and develop at St Chris. We invite applications from teachers with a background in Resistant Materials (Design Technology) and/or 3D Art Sculpture who have creative design and making skills across a range of materials and outcomes.

We are prepared to be flexible for the right candidate, and so we are inviting applications from ambitious NQTs looking for a first opportunity through to those with substantial 3D experience. If you are able to offer a second subject, please indicate this when applying.

Enthusiasm to contribute to the wider life of this happy and successful boarding School is essential.

The 3D Art & Design Department

The 3D department is part of a larger Art and Design Faculty, with some cross over, but operates as a stand-alone department. Housed in a large specialist and excellently provisioned ground floor workshop, with facilities for advanced level work in wood, metal and plastics, there is also an adjacent design classroom which allows for CAD and sketchbook work.

The department places a major focus on practical, hands-on workshop learning, with students being exposed to a wide range of techniques and processes (welding, forging, raising, laminating, carving, casting, resin work, and jewellery making). Students produce ambitious, sophisticated and highly creative outcomes that range from sculpture and installations, through to furniture and lighting.

There are currently four teachers of 3D: one full-time and three part-time; supported by a specialist 3D Design Technician. At GCSE we follow the AQA Art & Design: Three Dimensional Design (8205) course; and at A Level AQA Art & Design (7205).

Extra-curricular opportunities for pupils include the three weekly 'Shed' sessions after School. These are not a requirement for pupils but it is expected that exam candidates will make use of these opportunities to enhance their progress with project work. We also offer additional Saturday 'Shed' sessions in the run-up to the exam coursework deadlines.

All pupils take 3D Art and Design as part of the core curriculum in I-III Group (Years 7-9 in National Curriculum terminology). 3D Art and Design is a very popular option at GCSE level and at A Level, and the relationships with pupils are excellent and highly rewarding as a teacher.

The Arts Faculty

Creativity is regarded very highly at St Christopher School and we have long held a reputation for the quality and originality of our pupils' work. A significant number of our pupils go on to prestigious Art College/University studies in Art, Design, Architecture, Sculpture, Furniture and Product Design, going on to then pursue careers within the world of Art and Design internationally.

We have commissioned several items of 3D Design work from pupils which can be found displayed around the school campus grounds.

The School

Founded in 1915, St Christopher School is an atypical independent day and boarding school for girls and boys aged 3-18. We have around 535 pupils and 74 teachers.

We have no school uniform and everyone is called by their first name. We have no religious affiliation and welcome students and staff of all faiths and none.

Our Ethos

We treat our young people as individuals and aim for them to develop competence and resourcefulness, social conscience and moral courage, the capacity for friendship and a true zest for life.

In order to apply for this post candidates are required to complete the St Christopher School Application Form and send this, **along with a letter of application**, to:

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Application Deadline: 4.00 pm on Monday 10 May 2021. We are happy to accept applications by email or post.

Interviews: Interviews will be held w/c 17 May 2021.

The School is committed to safeguarding children and has rigorous safer recruitment procedures in place. An enhanced DBS disclosure will be necessary for this post.

Emma-Kate Henry
Head

April 2021