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**DOWNSEND**  
**SCHOOL**

*Inspiring Young Minds*

# Join the Inspiring World of Downsend



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## Candidate Brief

Teaching

**Teacher of Design & Technology  
Required for January 2022**

# Details for applicants

Downsend is a forward thinking and innovative independent school providing education for children aged 2-16 years. Based over four sites we have three separate Little Downsend Schools for children aged 2-6, overseen by one Headteacher and each feeding into our main Downsend site where we teach children aged from 7-16. We prepare our children for the future with a creative approach to learning that inspires young minds. From Nursery through to GCSEs, we provide the platform for academic success.



As a key set of GCSE subjects, the Technologies occupy a crucial role in our curriculum. Pupils enjoy the theoretical and practical applications throughout the school, extending into the school's outstanding enrichment programme. Facilities are excellent, and include dedicated Rooms, each equipped with their own IWBs, as well as access to the Senior School's Junior and Senior Libraries and the many STEAM and IT spaces.

The Teacher of Design & Technology at Downsend will be ambitious for the future GCSE success of our pupils. With a passion for promoting cross-curricular links and digital mastery, this role will suit a forward-thinking practitioner determined to help develop the school's Future Skills Programme. It is vital, therefore, that the successful candidate shares this ideology. It is possible that this role will become permanent from September 2022.

The school's innovative approach to 'Inspiring Young Minds' should be in line with your own educational philosophy, and the expectation is that the successful candidate will be a key addition to the department, as well as making a significant contribution to the extra-curricular life of our busy school. We are, therefore, looking to recruit an individual who relishes the practical application of skills in all areas of the curriculum.

*Downsend is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and other third parties to share this commitment. This means we will undertake pre-employment background checks before any appointment is confirmed. All appointments are subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring (DBS) check. It is also essential and a mandatory condition of your employment that you undergo criminal, police or embassy record checks (as appropriate) from all countries, outside of the UK, where you have lived and/or worked for 3 months or more in the last 10 years or where you have completed your teacher training (or relevant qualifications) if not in the UK. Please note that checks are not required prior to the age of 16.*

# How to apply

We are delighted that you are interested in joining Downsend School. To apply:

- Visit [www.downsend.co.uk](http://www.downsend.co.uk) to see more about our schools
- Download and complete the application form
- Email the application form plus a covering letter, addressed to Ian Thorpe, Headmaster, to [sue.wood@downsend.co.uk](mailto:sue.wood@downsend.co.uk)
- You may also send a CV if you wish, but this must be in addition to the application form, not instead of it.

## Overview of employee benefits

Downsend aims to offer every member of our team a competitive salary, a range of great benefits and opportunities for career progression.

Our benefits include:

- Teachers' Pension
- Cognita Care First - Employee Assistance Programme
- School fees discount (conditions apply)
- Lunch available
- Free on-site parking
- Cycle-to-work scheme
- Reimbursement for eye tests every two years for VDU operators
- My Staff Shop - discounts for staff across a range of companies

## Next steps

The closing date for applications is Monday 11 October. Candidates will be contacted after the closing date if they have been selected for interview. These will be held on 14/15 October. All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application.

Please do contact Sue if you have any questions. We look forward to receiving your application.



Ian Thorpe  
Headmaster