



# Holy Cross

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Dear Colleague

## **Welcome to the Holy Cross Design Technology Department**

We are looking forward to welcoming an ambitious, enthusiastic and highly skilled practitioner to this high achieving and forward focused department. We have a good track record of developing teachers so that they can progress well in their careers.

We are a department of three full-time teachers each with their own subject specialisms. Our aim is to deliver lessons which are fun, informative and ultimately drive the pupils on to have a thirst for knowledge where they learn, make progress and achieve.

We currently deliver the AQA GCSE in Art and Design Technology and EDUCAS Food Preparation and Nutrition. Results in Art and Food are regularly in line with national averages. In summer 2018, GCSE Design Technology had a pass rate of 85%.

Pupils are currently taught on a carousel in Years 7, 8 and 9. All subjects in our department are options subjects and pupils have the opportunity to choose their GCSE subjects at the end of Year 9. Our subjects are popular and we currently have ten KS4 classes across all three subject areas.

Design Technology is a well-resourced department and is taught in five specialist rooms, each of which has its own electronic whiteboard and access to the school's wireless network. We have a full-time technician who keeps the department running smoothly. Regular practical lessons are encouraged to enable the pupils to learn with both an academic and kinesthetic approach.

We have excellent relationships with local businesses and colleges through our STEM links and pupils are actively encouraged to enter competitions. Extra-curricular visits are vital to the future progression of pupils and we have been out on a number of excursions including visits to local engineering companies. We have excellent links with local business such as NIS and Create Education, a manufacturer and supplier of 3D printers to industry.

Should you have any questions about us, or would like to look around and meet the team before applying for the post, please do not hesitate to contact me: [r.moore@holycross.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:r.moore@holycross.lancs.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

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