

Aylestone School Resistant Materials / Art teacher



About the school

Based on a beautiful site, Aylestone School is a mixed 11-16 comprehensive school federated with two of our feeder primary schools, Broadlands and Withington. All three schools are led by one Executive Headteacher.

Aylestone is a thriving, collaborative and caring school with high aspirations for all students. We pride ourselves on being able to offer something different in the city. We are a smaller school, but big enough to offer the breadth of choice and opportunities that other schools do. We know **all** our children and have a school ethos based on

mutual respect. Put simply, we are a happy, caring school, small enough to know each student, but also big enough to offer extensive choice and opportunities.

Our core belief that children are treated as individuals, with personalised targets and support, and a real voice in their own education.

Our federation of schools is committed to providing excellence in education. Our aim is for children to leave for the next stage of their education with the confidence and aptitude to make their own valuable contribution to their community, for staff to recognise their own contribution to this development of children and parents to genuinely be able to support their son or daughter's education. We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to develop a love of life-long learning and through a strong sense of team and community we can achieve excellence together.

We are immensely proud of all of our students and their achievements through their time with us. We place a strong emphasis on the holistic development of each child as a valued individual. We provide a positive, challenging and exciting learning environment in which children flourish. We pride ourselves on relationships in the school. Children & staff are welcoming & friendly. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum and are immensely proud of successes in many areas. Our extra-curricular offer is wide and varied and many students are involved in charitable work and community projects both within school and the wider community.

The School was inspected in January 2018. The overall judgement was one of 'requires improvement' meaning that the school is not yet securely good under the new framework. The inspectors were pleased that the school had already identified the areas for improvement and were already working on them, but in some cases the impact seen was in its infancy.

The inspectors made many very positive comments, including:

- Senior leaders have a clear and accurate understanding of how to make the necessary improvements to pupils' progress.
- Pupils' behaviour is polite and courteous in lessons and around the school at lunch and break times.
- There is a strong culture of safeguarding in the school. Staff are well trained and records are clear and secure.
- Many pupils take part in the school's extra-curricular opportunities.

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- Pupils' books show they are proud of what they do. Most books are neat and well ordered. Pupils make improvements in their work, adding further detail to essays, for example, or repeating tests and assessments.
- Pupils are confident and polite in lessons and around the school.
- Pupils respect their teachers. Classrooms are well ordered and pupils can get on with their learning without distraction.

Safeguarding, and the way in which we work hard to keep children safe has also been highlighted as a strength of the school. The school's work to keep pupils safe and secure is good.

Aylestone is a caring school. Students and staff members matter, consequently, a happy, friendly, relaxed atmosphere has been developed combined with a sense of purpose and unity and we are proud of our Values Mark. We would thoroughly recommend any potential candidates visit the school to experience this for themselves, you will not be disappointed.

About the role

An exciting opportunity exists to recruit a dynamic, creative permanent FTE teacher of Resistant Materials with an ability to teach Art on a variable contract. Teachers looking for a part-time contract are also welcome to apply. We are looking for an energetic, enthusiastic and inspiring practitioner with a real passion for their subject. The successful applicant will have a record of delivering consistently good to outstanding lessons. The successful candidate would be working in the technology and the arts faculty, supported by excellent technicians. The faculty has a strong tradition of mutual support and resource sharing so that best practice spreads quickly through the team. We offer you an exciting opportunity to work with and enhance a forward thinking, highly successful and motivated team.

The Technology and the Arts Faculty is key to the provision of a broad, balanced and challenging educational experience for our students. The successful candidate will be able to generate positive attitudes from students and team members. They would be expected to deliver engaging and motivating lessons, primarily in the field of resistant materials but with the ability to offer lessons in other specialisms within the department to students across both Key Stages, setting high standards and expectations for all students.

We are fortunate to have teachers within the faculty with wide ranging experience who teach well across the subjects. All staff members are enthusiastic, committed and hard working. They are ambitious and routinely take on responsibilities in order to further their experience.

Aylestone is now federated with 2 feeder primary schools, Withington and Broadlands Primary Schools. We are strongly committed to the partnerships with all local primaries and look to develop this further in future. Therefore, there may be opportunity to be a part of this partnership which would be a benefit to anyone for future employment.

In short, Aylestone is a lovely school and a really nice place to be in. This is a really exciting time to join the school, where the successful candidate can really have a big impact and be part of something special.