

# Springwell Leeds Academy

## South Site

# Teacher of Design Technology

Salary: MPS/UPS + SEN point

- **Do you want to make a really difference to some of the most vulnerable students in the city?**
- **Work at a bespoke SEMH school with excellent facilities right from the start?**
- **Prefer to move away from some of the restrictions of a mainstream pathway?**
- **Teach children a subject for which you have a passion for without worrying purely about results?**

Springwell Leeds Academy requires an exceptional, versatile teacher of Design Technology who is passionate about providing the best possible education and care for vulnerable students. This post will involve teaching Design Technology across all key stages as well as supporting none specialist teachers in delivering areas of Technology to all students as required. All of our sites operate in line with best practice in an SEMH provision, which is a nurturing type curriculum model with significant investment in therapeutic and wrap around support for our students.

The workshop will be fully kitted out with all high spec equipment and will provide the opportunity to create a bespoke, creative programme of study right at the start of our exciting developments in Leeds. Whilst you would be the only Technology teacher on site you would work closely as part of a team with the other teachers of Technology across our other sites.

This position would suit a teacher with a proven track record of exceptional practice, who is able to work with vulnerable pupils with social, emotional and mental health difficulties (SEMH). It would suit an individual who is passionate about making a real difference to student's life chances and supporting them in achieving their potential in essential life skills, which is a high priority for Springwell Leeds. The ability to be creative and use imaginative flair to engage is essential, along with having resilience, drive and high expectations to inspire students to achieve. As we are a growing Academy it may also provide an opportunity of further leadership opportunities in the future.

The Design Technology provision forms part of our wider Arts curriculum, alongside Music and Art. This means you will form part of a team of staff who work collaboratively and have developed a coherent and engaging offer for all of our students from primary through to Year 11. Our Arts faculty has been recognised for their outstanding work by being awarded the Arts Mark Silver Award and is an official Trinity Champion Centre for the delivery of the Arts Award.

### **About us**

Our aim is to provide the best possible care and education that we can for children and young people with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs. Unconditional Positive Regard is at the centre of what we do and we are creating an academy that is welcoming, caring, safe, warm and believes that all its pupils can be supported and empowered to succeed. We take pride in creating individual and personalised pathways for our students that are built around their varied needs, which will help them achieve positive outcomes and prepare them for their onward destinations into continuing education, work or training. In order to achieve this, we have developed a curriculum that provides opportunities for academic progression as well as vocational learning, whilst being engaging, creative, and innovative.

We see strong relationships as the key to our success – with students, parents, carers and the wider community and we ensure that our academy is a welcoming safe place for children, and staff, to learn and prosper. We believe in working closely with our families and carers and welcome their support, but also realise that at times they will need our support too. We work closely with other agencies and schools to make sure we do all we can to make learning and life the best it possibly can be.

Here at Springwell, we place a huge emphasis on professional development and choose to invest significantly in staff training at all levels. This means that, although experience of working in an SEMH setting would be an advantage, specialist support and training will be provided for outstanding teachers wishing to make the career fulfilling move into special education.

To find out more about what makes us special and our ethos, please visit our website at [www.springacademyleeds.org](http://www.springacademyleeds.org) and follow us at @Springwell\_Lds to see what our staff and amazing young people get up to on a daily basis.

Please click [here](#) to find out what this job entails at Springwell Leeds Academy.

**If you would like to discuss or find out more about this post, please contact Laura Reader, Associate Principal by email ([l.reader@springwellacademyleeds.org](mailto:l.reader@springwellacademyleeds.org))**

**To apply please submit an application form and covering letter, of no longer than two sides of A4. The letter should outline why you feel your experience makes you a strong applicant for this exciting opportunity, highlighting areas in which you have shown impact.**

**The deadline for electronic submissions is 9am 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

**We anticipate that interviews will take place later that week.**

**Completed applications should be e-mailed to Lauren Harper, PA to Executive Principal by email ([l.harper@springwellacademyleeds.org](mailto:l.harper@springwellacademyleeds.org))**

Wellspring Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils. All posts are offered subject to enhanced DBS checks. References will be requested and an online search carried out for shortlisted candidates, prior to attendance at interview.

Further pre-employment checks, including prohibition from teaching, childcare disqualification and section 128 checks, if deemed relevant for the role, will be completed for the successful candidate upon acceptance of the post.

We are committed to equal opportunities and to promoting diversity. We want our people to reflect the diversity of our communities, and we welcome applications from people from all backgrounds, especially from under-represented groups, including those from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities.

If you are currently living overseas or have lived / worked overseas in the last five years please be aware that you will be required to provide an overseas criminal records check from the country/ countries you have resided in, if you are the preferred candidate for the post.

All applicants need to complete the Equal Opportunities form. Please click link for further details <http://bit.ly/WATEqualOpportunities>