



**EDGBASTON**  
HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

## **Subject Leader of Design and Technology: Textiles Specialism**

### **Further Information**

#### **THE SCHOOL**

Founded in 1876 Edgbaston High School for Girls is the oldest independent day school for girls in Birmingham. The School is very pleasantly situated next to the Botanical Gardens, 1½ miles and walking distance, from the city centre. There are over 940 girls aged 2½ to 18 divided into 3 departments working together on one site. Continuity of education is a feature of EHS, but girls can join at all stages.

The School attracts girls both from the immediate neighbourhood and all over the West Midlands. They come for the high academic standards, the lively programme of extra-curricular activities and for the individual attention and flexibility of approach.

Pupils enjoy a broadly based programme which substantially fulfils the requirements of the National Curriculum and much more. Examination results are very good with high grades distributed across both Science and Arts subjects. Staff and parents work closely together so that each girl can develop her individual gifts to the full.

The Council which is the School's governing body actively supports and encourages the work of the School. In the last 7 years over six million pounds have been spent on major development and refurbishment programmes. A major development to create a new Sixth Form Centre, Library, Reception area and Fitness Suite was completed in March 2011, a Preparatory School extension in 2017 and a multi-purpose extension to the Senior School Hall and new Pavilion in 2018.

The Headmistress is a member of the Girls' Schools Association and HMC and the School is a member of the Independent Schools Council.

#### **The Design and Technology: Textiles Department and Curriculum**

D&T is an established and well supported subject at EHS, achieving outstanding results both at GCSE and A level. To support the recent specifications, the department has recently refurbished the A level Textile workshop space, which includes a laser cutter and boasts a range of new specialist equipment.

The right candidate will have energy and drive and will be excited by the opportunities which this subject offers to be at the cutting edge of innovation. We expect a personalised approach to learning and a passion for design. A Portfolio is required for interview showing project work from a range of year groups as well as some examples of the candidate's own work.

Ideally you will have experience of teaching the new GCSE Design and Technology specification and Fashion Textiles at A Level. Currently we teach the AQA specifications. The majority of the timetable will consist of D&T: Textiles KS4 and KS5 with some KS3 teaching in D&T: Textiles. There is also an option to teach KS3 Food. We teach Years 7-9 as half classes with a maximum of 12 girls. Each form is split between D&T: Textiles and Food & Nutrition, giving every girl half a year of each subject. This provides them with a good grounding in a wide range of practical skills and written tasks and leads to healthy group sizes at both GCSE and A level.

This is a busy Department with three full time teachers and offers superb support from an experienced full time technician plus a part time technician who is also an IT specialist. Girls enjoy working in our curriculum space and there is lots of opportunities to offer co-curricular activities with technician support.

Although it is advertised as full time, a part time position would be considered for the right candidate. Candidates who are interested or who have any queries are welcome to contact, on an informal basis, the Head of Food & Nutrition and D&T: Textiles, Mrs Clare Syer. This can be done by telephoning the school (leaving a contact number) or by e-mail at [syerc@edgbastonhigh.co.uk](mailto:syerc@edgbastonhigh.co.uk)