

# Welcome to the DT Department



#### Staff:

- Mr. Babra, Subject Leader DT
- Mr. Welch, Asst SL Food
- Mrs. Davies, PT Teacher
- Miss. Babra, DT Teacher
- Mrs. Berlajolli, Teacher
- Mrs. Merrick, Teacher
- Mrs. Jaspal, Food Technician
- Mr. Daushvili, DT Technician



#### What the DT staff say about their department.

Our VISION statement for Design & Technology "Our vision is to build a progressive and thriving **department** through a commitment innovation and enterprise. We aim to create a supportive and secure environment where students and staff feel free to explore new ideas and learn from their experiences without fear of failure. By fostering a culture of **encouragement** and reflection, we empower our community to experiment creatively and grow continuously. Our ultimate goal is to equip our students with the skills and confidence needed to excel in their future endeavors while making meaningful contributions to their fields."



Mr Babra



Mr Welch



**Mrs Davies** 



Miss Babra



Miss Berlajolli





Mrs Merrick Mr Daushvili



Mrs Jaspal



### Our Year KS3 Curriculum

At KS3, Vyners students will study a range topics in DT, including Food, that link with Industry so that they get an enjoyable real life

experience.

Electronics

Pairing Food Theory



Wildlife hotel Clock Food Theory

















## Striving for

## Our Key Stage 4 Curriculum

At GCSE students are entered for GCSE qualifications with AQA. Students will study a whole range of topics that will support and develop their skills and knowledge in all aspects of DT which includes Food Technology

#### **GCSE Resistant Materials: AQA**

(NEA) task.

The new GCSE places greater emphasis on understanding and applying iterative design processes. Students will use their creativity and imagination to design and make prototypes that solve real and relevant problems, considering their own and other's' needs, wants and values. The GCSE is now split 50/50 with a Written exam & Non-exam assessment

#### **GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition: AQA**

In Food Preparation & Nutrition GCSE students enjoy practicing and developing a wide range of preparation and cooking skills. These include exciting and challenging tasks such as making choux pastry, making sauces, making and shaping pasta and meat and fish preparation. Students follow set practicals and are also challenged to design and execute their own, unique signature dishes. The theoretical elements include health and safety, food hygiene, function of ingredients, sensory testing, nutrition and diet. The course the making but I enjoyed all parts of includes two controlled assessments in year 11 which account for 50% of the overall grade.

Excellence



"I thought that I would only enjoy the course, even the theory" Year 11 Student



## Striving for Excellence

Our Key Stage 5 Curriculum

At A Level students have the opportunity to study towards qualifications with AQA & WJEC.

#### **AQA A Level Product Design**

This highly creative and stimulating qualification gives students the practical skills, theoretical knowledge and confidence to succeed in a number of careers. They will investigate historical, social, cultural, environmental and economic influences through design and technology, whilst enjoying opportunities to put their learning in to practice by producing products of their choice. Students will gain a real understanding of what it means to be a designer. alongside the knowledge and skills sought by higher education and employers. The qualification is assessed through an externally set exam which is worth 50% of the overall grade. The remaining 50% of the qualification consists of an internally set and moderated non-exam assessment task. The qualification is assessed through an externally set exam which is worth 50% of the overall grade. The remaining 50% of the qualification consists of an internally set and moderated non-exam assessment task.

#### WJEC Food Science and Nutrition Level 3

The Food Technology department currently offers the option to study WJEC Food Science and Nutrition Level 3 in the sixth form. This dynamic and inspiring course allows students to build on their knowledge and skills gained at GCSE level and applies them in practical and theoretical context. Advanced practical skills are developed and creativity is harnessed and encouraged. Students are expected to make complex dishes and use a wide range of ingredients, skills and processes with accuracy. In Food Science and Nutrition, students can also develop and improve many important transferable skills. The course encourages students to solve problems, become independent learners, and improve research and presentation skills. It also provides students with the knowledge and ability to improve their own dietary health and well-being. The qualification is assessed through an externally set exam, which is worth 50% of the overall grade and the remaining 50% of the qualification consists of an externally set and moderated non-exam assessment task

"It was a challenging course, but it made me seriously think about what I could do to change and improve the world we work and live in, even if only a little "

Year 13 Student



## Celebrating student success





#### DT STEM GALLERY

We have a dedicated DT STEM Gallery which displays different interactive topics celebrating Science, Maths, Engineering and Technological innovation.

It encourages students to ask questions and think deeper about how DT impacts the world in a positive and constructive way.
We are really proud of the way that our students embrace DT.



#### **DT Exhibition**

The DT department has a yearly exhibition that celebrates the success of the students achievement which is held in the DT department but is enjoyed by students, staff and parents alike.







Our Co-curricular Offer

Students are invited to join:

- Lego Club
- Come & Cook Club
- Young Enterprise
- Textiles Club

Past trips & Competitions have included:

- Design Museum
- V&A
- Science Museum
- National History Museum
- IET Young Engineer
- Design Ventura winners
- Young Chef Regional winners





## We look forward to meeting you in September 2026!