

WORKING AT HILLVIEW SCHOOL

JOIN OUR TEAM

For Appointment of:
Textiles and Food Technician



WELCOME

Based in Tonbridge, Kent, Hillview School for Girls is an 11 to 18 girls' all-ability school with a thriving, mixed Sixth Form. We chose to become an academy in August 2011 and are one of the highest-achieving non-selective girls' School in Kent. Our dynamic Performing and Visual Arts specialisms have a profound impact upon learning and contribute to the purposeful, friendly and stimulating atmosphere that permeates the school. We foster self-esteem and high aspirations.

By encouraging a 'can-do' culture, our students become astute, ambitious and independent. Visitors often comment about how articulate and enthusiastic our students are. We believe in the pure potential of every child within the school, to develop, mature and thrive, leaving education fully ready for the world of employment. We place a high emphasis on education beyond grades, actively exploring a wide range of opportunities to develop the awareness and engagement of our students in the world around them.

Hillview is a fully inclusive school where independence is developed through an innovative education and inspirational opportunities.

Our vision is that: students unlock their pure potential to drive their future and thrive in society.

The pure potential belief is integral to everything that we do in school and the outcomes we expect for our students. The skills and beliefs at the heart of the pure potential graphic pull together the Performing Arts values, the desirable attributes of a future employee and awareness of the world. Hillview believes in success and achievement beyond grades and highly values the breadth of character and experience that enables our alumni to stand out from the crowd and secure a successful role in the ever-changing modern world. Through our inclusive Hillview society, we actively develop and promote the independent learner and thinker, encouraging students to try, make mistakes and learn for themselves.

We help students develop a range of transferable skills from teamwork, leadership and independence through to communication, self-expression and time management. Our strong pastoral system ensures that behaviour is excellent and there is a relaxed but purposeful atmosphere throughout the school where young people can thrive and feel supported.

We have a vibrant, mixed Sixth Form that provides a variety of pathways for students to extend their learning, gain work experience with one of our many industry partners and prepare for university or work.

Further details of the school, including breakdown of performance figures, can be accessed through: www.hillview.kent.sch.uk

Applicants are warmly invited to visit the school before applying.



**THE 2ND HIGHEST
PERFORMING
NON-
GRAMMAR
SCHOOL IN
KENT**

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Textiles and Food Technician

Location: Tonbridge, Kent

**Full time equivalent starting salary £27,198 gross per annum
(pro rata to £23,639)**

(Hillview Range 6 Point 10 £27,198-£28,542 fte)

37 hours per week

**Hours of work between 8.00am-4.00pm Mon-Thursday
8.00am- 3.30pm on Friday term-time only, plus Inset days.**

Accountable to: Faculty Leader for Visual Arts and Lead Teacher for Food and Nutrition

Liaise with: Visual Arts and Food Technology Department

Key Purpose

We are looking to appoint a passionate Technician to support our Visual Arts and Food Technology Departments.

Responsibilities

- Stocktaking and resource management
- Research best priced and best quality inventory
- Liaise with staff to prepare resources and equipment for lessons
- Maintenance of classroom supplies
- Updating and maintaining displays
- Preparing for school events such as the exhibition and open evenings
- Organisation and storage of exam work
- Preparing/washing/ cleaning classrooms and equipment
- Supporting in lessons
- Arranging machinery servicing
- Budget awareness and ordering (via Iris)
- Regular meetings with budget leads for subjects
- Support in examinations
- Maintain health and safety standards
- Attend departmental meetings where applicable
- Communicate with parents/guardians and the finance regarding donations and payments
- Laser cutting, pattern cutting and drafting block patterns for student work

Person Specification

Essential Skills, Qualifications and Experience

- Good literacy, numeracy and ICT skills
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- A high degree of accuracy
- Self-confident in dealings with young people
- Good time management
- Good organisational skills
- Experience of dealing with young people

Desirable Skills, Qualifications and Experience

- Previous work in education
- Health and Safety Rep - attending meetings, asking department for feedback, communicating with site staff team
- First Aider
- Textile Techniques, Pattern Cutting, Knowledge of fabric and materials
- Use of all machinery
- Knowledge of all companies to source equipment from

Essential Personal Attributes

- Ability to support students, work independently and use initiative
- Self-confidence
- Ability and willingness to be flexible
- Willingness to work as member of team
- Commitment to high standards
- Understanding of the importance of confidentiality
- Commitment to the aims of Equal Opportunities

The Visual Arts and Food Technology Departments

The faculty aspires to provide students with an engaging and contemporary curriculum promoting creativity, aspiration and independence through personal exploration led by our highly motivated and diverse team. The success of the department is reflected in its popularity with students, allowing us to offer a range of disciplines.

In Years 7 and 8 students study Graphic Communication, Fine Art and Textiles separately to develop foundation skills in critical thinking, problem solving and recording through a range of media whilst develop subject specialist expertise. This prepares students for elective subjects in year 9 that guide and prepare students for GCSE Fine Art, Graphic Communication and Textiles. At A Level we offer Textiles, Fine Art, Photography and Graphic Communication to a mixed cohort.

In Textiles we teach the students hand and machine sewing skills throughout all Key Stages to develop exciting outcomes following sketchbook preparatory work. Students explore computer aided design, outcome designing and the analysis of a range of artists and designers work. Students explore basic garment construction skills as well as designing and creating non wearable outcomes such as wall-hangings, fabric sculptures and installation pieces.

We offer a range of extra-curricular activities to engage students beyond the curriculum, including clubs and open access at lunch time and afterschool for GCSE and A Level students.

The Food Preparation and Nutrition department aims to provide students with a practical, engaging, and dynamic curriculum that promotes healthy living, independence, and essential life skills. Working alongside a committed and supportive teaching team, the department plays a key role in developing students' understanding of food, nutrition, and safe working practices. The popularity of the subject allows the department to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum across all key stages.

In Years 7 and 8, students are introduced to core food preparation skills, kitchen safety, hygiene, and basic nutrition. They develop confidence in practical cooking techniques, time management, and understanding the principles of healthy eating. This foundation prepares students for the Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE course in Key Stage 4 and Food Science and Nutrition in Key Stage 5.

At Key Stage 4 and 5, students build on their practical skills through a range of increasingly complex dishes while developing their knowledge of nutrition, food science, and the environmental and cultural influences on food. Practical assessments are supported by investigative and evaluative work, encouraging students to plan, prepare, and present food safely and effectively.

The department also offers enrichment opportunities beyond the curriculum, including cooking clubs and enrichment sessions after school, helping to further develop students' confidence, creativity, and enthusiasm for food and nutrition.



THE APPLICATION PROCESS

A completed application form should be sent, by post or by email, to Mrs. A. Dennett (HR Manager)

dennetta@hillview.kent.sch.uk

Closing date for applications: Monday 16 March 2026

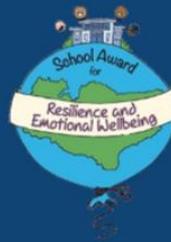
Interview date: To be confirmed



Pure Potential

- Curiosity
- Unity Creativity
- Empathy Respect
- Self-belief Aspiration
- Courage Communication
- Commitment Resilience
- Excellence Employability
- Reflection Responsibility

INSPIRATION
INNOVATION
INDEPENDENCE
INCLUSIVITY





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