**DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

Head of Department – Mrs S J Murphy

Supported by a Head of Food Technology and a Head of Resistant Materials

The Design and Technology team consists of 8 teachers and three technicians who work together very well as a team.

We share ideas, are positive in our approach, are forward looking and supportive of each other. The team are very pupil focussed and we are committed to creating an exciting and engaging learning environment for all our pupils.

A large percentage of the staff timetable is based within the department, although some time may be given to other curriculum areas as and when necessary.

At KS3 we deliver a range of design and making activities: Food Technology, Resistant Materials and Textiles Technology. Pupils are taught in mixed ability groups of approximately 20 in size.

At KS4 pupils have the opportunity to study the AQA Design and Technology specifications in Resistant Materials and Textiles Technology; Design & Technology (New Specification 2017) Food Nutrtition and Preparation. AQA Home Economics: Child Development and Btec L1/2 is also delivered.

At KS5, we currently offer AQA subjects as follows:
Design Technology: Product Design (Textiles) ; Fashion & Textiles (New Spec 2017)
Design and Technology: Product Design (3D Design); Product Design (New Spec 2017)

Btec L3 Health & Social Care.

In the department the teaching areas are as follows:-

* Two Food rooms
* One Textiles room
* Two Resistant Materials rooms
* A dedicated KS5 Textiles room

Workrooms are available for staff within the department.

The department has a proven track record of examination success at GCSE and A level, and makes a positive contribution to the extra-curricular life of the school.