



## **HEAD OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY - FULL TIME / PART TIME**

**Salary: MPS / UPS and TLR 2c (£2,796)**

**To start: September 2020**

### **1. THE COLLEGE**

Comberton Village College was opened in 1960. As a Cambridgeshire Village College, it was designed to be a centre for the life of its community and to provide quality education for pupils aged between 11 and 16. This remains the case today.

In 1974, the school became fully comprehensive and, in April 1993, it became grant maintained. It changed to a Foundation School and more recently became a Foundation School with a Trust: the Comberton Educational Trust. In February 2011 the school became an Academy overseen by the Cam Academy Trust. The pupil roll is around 1,800 while over 2,000 adults use the college for a wide range of continuing education and leisure activities. A £7 million building programme was completed in 2003 that has significantly enhanced a whole range of the school's facilities, including major new leisure facilities. A further £4 million building project provided further specialist teaching and learning facilities across a range of subject areas and has been in use since September 2009.

Our Sixth Form opened in September 2011 following the completion of a £9.5 million building project. It offers a strong suite of academic courses, across the subject areas as well as applied courses. This exciting development has enabled students from Comberton to complete their sixth-form studies with us as well as providing opportunities for students from other local schools. There are over 500 students in the Sixth Form who have achieved consistently high results year on year.

### **2. THE CAM ACADEMY TRUST**

In 2011, The Cam Academy Trust (C.A.T.) was formed. It enabled Comberton Village College to convert to Academy status in 2011. Following this, the CAM Academy Trust has taken on further Academies:

- Melbourn Village College, an 11-16 Academy in Cambridgeshire. This Academy joined the C.A.T. in September 2013 following an agreement with the C.A.T. to do so.
- Cambourne Village College, an 11-16 Academy in Cambridgeshire, close to Comberton Village College. This has been opened as a new Free School by the C.A.T. from September 2013, initially with an intake of Year 7 students only. It serves the new and developing community of Cambourne that was formally in the catchment area of Comberton Village College. Numbers of staff are now teaching at both Cambourne and Comberton Village Colleges as both Academies work extremely closely together.
- Gamlingay First School and St Peter's School, Huntingdon, both joined us in September 2016.
- Further primary schools include Offord primary school, Thongsley Fields primary and nursery school, Hartford Infant and Junior schools, Jeavons Wood primary school, Gamlingay Village primary, and Everton Heath primary. There is the possibility that the CAM Academy Trust could develop further, although this remains an open question. We are seeking to ensure that all Academies in the Trust work in effective partnership with each other and that there are opportunities for staff to share ideas and resources. For some staff, there will be opportunities to work in more than one Academy.

### **3. OUTWARD LOOKING**

Comberton Village College has worked significantly with other schools and in outreach projects from 2001 onwards. This dates from various of the designations the school received between 2001 and 2007:

- Specialisms in Sport, Languages and Applied Learning
- Training School and Leading Edge Status

Associated with this, 15 teaching staff were designated as Advanced Skills Teachers and have worked in different ways with other schools.

In July 2011, Comberton Village College was designated as one of the first wave of Teaching Schools in the country. It now works with a number of other schools, including other designated Teaching Schools, as part of the Cambridge Teaching Schools Network in order to provide:

- Initial Teacher Training. We are significantly involved with ITT, including through partnership with the Faculty of Education, Cambridge and through our own SCITT.
- Continuing Professional Development. We provide a number of activities relating to CPD. Many staff in the CAM Academy Trust Schools are able to benefit from these.
- School-to-school support. Staff are involved with supporting achievement in other schools. This includes those designated as Specialist Leaders of Education.
- Research. Many staff are involved in research, including studying for higher level qualifications.

#### **4. STANDARDS**

Comberton Village College has received a full Ofsted inspection on three occasions since 2000: in 2004, 2007 and 2013. On each occasion, the overall effectiveness grade has been 'outstanding'. In the latest inspection in 2013, every aspect of the school's provision was judged to be 'outstanding'. This included the first ever judgement on Sixth Form provision where both teaching and achievement were both clearly deemed already to be 'outstanding'. The short summary was:

"Comberton Village College is a highly successful school which enables its pupils to achieve not only academic excellence but also to become mature, confident, thoughtful and rounded individuals with clear goals for their future lives".

Pupil achievement is consistently high. Typically at KS4, 80% of pupils achieve at least 5+ 9 - 4 grades, including English and Maths, at GCSE or equivalent with 40% of grades at 9-7. Value added measures indicate excellent progress for all types of students. Achievement has been excellent from the outset in the Sixth Form with the significant majority of all grades achieved by students being A\*- B. University admissions are very strong including students gaining places on competitive courses at the most selective universities, including Oxbridge.

#### **5. BROAD EDUCATION**

The school's formal day runs from 8.30 a.m. to 2.50 p.m. with 6 timetabled lessons of 50 minutes each day. Pupils see their tutors daily and have a weekly assembly.

However, we believe that true education is broad and should develop character and individual interest. Given this, there is also a very full and wide-ranging extra-curricular programme that runs each day from 3.00 p.m. There are also many school trips and visits, both national and international. We have significant school partnerships that involve exchanges in Europe, Peru, South Africa, Mozambique and Japan.

We consider the following as very important:

- Our major Duke of Edinburgh programme. Most pupils do the Bronze award with many continuing to Silver. Some now also progress to the Gold award in our Sixth Form.
- We have held the Arts Mark Gold Award for a number of years, a symbol of our commitment to excellence and breadth in Arts education and provision.
- We have been accredited as a British Council International School since 2002, a sign of our commitment to the international dimension of education.

## 6. AIMS AND VALUES

At the heart of what we do are fundamental aims and values relating to education. The Cam Academy Trust has five core principles that must be central to all Academies in the Trust. These have been at the heart of Comberton Village College for many years:

- The Excellence Principle. Education must be of highest of standards and lead to high achievement.
- The Comprehensive Principle. Excellent education must be for all pupils of all types and abilities.
- The Henry Morris Principle. Education should be rooted in and serve its local community.
- The Partnership Principle. We should always look to work in effective partnership with others for mutual benefit.
- The International Principle. There must be a clear international dimension to education.

Within these over-arching principles, we seek to ensure that all of our pupils reach their full, positive potential and become:

- **CAPABLE** in the skills relevant to their future lives and in having the knowledge which will increase their understanding, appreciation and interest in the world in which they live.
- **CARING** of others and considerate of the mutual dependence human beings have on each other.
- **CONFIDENT** of their worth because they have developed their strengths, understood their weaknesses and learnt that they can achieve success.

## 7. THE DT DEPARTMENT

The DT department at Comberton Village College covers a range of areas including:

- Food and nutrition,
- Graphics
- Design and technology
- Construction
- Engineering

All KS3 pupils at Comberton Village College take part in DT/F&N lessons throughout years 7 – 9. The department is currently undergoing a curriculum review and the post of Head of Department would offer a successful candidate the opportunity to shape the curriculum in new and exciting ways. Pupils gain a wide variety of high-quality experiences, providing skills for life.

The department consists of 5 well-equipped workshops (including a laser cutter), 2 FT rooms, a computer base and a Design Studio. There are 2 very experienced technicians, one to support F&N and the other to support DT activities, both provide administrative support. Our teaching staff are committed, capable and experienced and are a close and strong team.

At KS4 pupils can access a broad range of DT options with our suite of courses; WJEC Level 1 & 2 Award in Hospitality and Catering, AQA GCSE Graphic Design, OCR Cambridge Nationals Engineering Design and WJEC Level 1 & 2 Constructing the Built Environment.

The DT department prides itself on the accessibility and appeal of its courses for pupils of all abilities. The department consistently achieves outcomes that are significantly above average. The department currently delivers GCE A-level Graphic Design.

## 8. THE VACANCY

The post will become available from September 2020. We are seeking to appoint someone who has:

- Excellent subject knowledge and the ability to teach and lead FT to students from KS3-KS5

- A creative approach to lessons in FT including the impact that inspirational teaching of this vital subject can have on students' long-term well-being.
- A working knowledge of the national curriculum for Design and technology
- Effective oral and written communication skills
- The ability to work efficiently and systematically including managing a budget
- A commitment to contributing to the success of the whole college including leading on food and nutrition as part of the broader curriculum for all students.

The post would provide excellent opportunity for personal development within a well-organised and forward-looking department and a school that has professional development as a core value.

We believe the College can offer you a very good professional environment and a lively and friendly place in which to work. Opportunities for development are excellent including:

- Support and coaching through an internal middle leadership CPD
- Access to the NPQML
- Mentoring and links with the Faculty of Education in Cambridge

If you like what you have read and would like to be part of Comberton Village College, we would welcome your application.

The successful candidate will need to meet the requirements of the general teacher job description and person specification on the college website.

All staff are inducted in child protection processes and have a responsibility to operate within the school's framework in this.

For further details and an application form please visit our website [www.combertonvc.org](http://www.combertonvc.org).

If you would like to join us, please return your application to Mrs L Atherton, HR Manager on [latherton@combertonvc.org](mailto:latherton@combertonvc.org) or via the post, by **9:00 on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020**. If you wish to discuss the post further or visit us in advance, please contact Zach Beamish, Assistant Principal, via email [zbeamish@combertonvc.org](mailto:zbeamish@combertonvc.org).

*The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be carried out for the successful candidate.*