

Queen's Park High School









Post of: Teacher of Science Application Pack

Part-time hours between 0.3 - 0.6 FTE will be considered Permanent contract to start September 2024

Salary Grade: MPS - UPS

Closing Date: Monday 10th June 2024



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Headteacher's Welcome

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Teacher of Science

Thank you for your interest in this post. I would like to wish you a warm welcome to Queen's Park High School, an academy within The Learning Trust, beautifully located to the south of the River Dee in the heart of Chester. We work in partnership with Christleton High School, Chester International School (CIS) and Belgrave Primary School to serve young people, to educate, enlighten and give them the expertise and confidence to succeed. More information about The Learning Trust can be found at https://www.tltrust.co.uk

Our expectations in terms of achievement and behaviour are very high. If our students are to reach their full potential as responsible citizens, we believe there has to be a culture of mutual respect, honesty and understanding; a culture which is at the heart of our school community.

We have hard-working, committed and dedicated staff, who regularly go above and beyond to ensure that all our students enjoy their learning, feel safe and are able to achieve to their full potential.

In January 2020 we received our first full inspection as a new academy since our conversion back in 2017. We are extremely proud that we are now officially rated as a 'GOOD' school. Whilst we felt very strongly that this was the case, this judgement brings welcome recognition and validation of all the hard work which has taken place across the school over recent years.

Our school is brimming with the potential for future excellence. This is an exciting time to join Queen's Park High School as our journey of success includes a large growth in student numbers. The school has grown by 42% over the past 3 years, therefore I am looking for staff who want to join us during this exciting period of growth as we strive to become an 'outstanding' school.

Please note: for the right candidate, we will consider a part-time role between 0.3 and 0.6 FTE.

I hope that this application pack gives you a flavour of the many qualities and strengths of our school. As a prospective member of staff, I hope you are interested in applying for this post. Please complete an application form, available to download from the vacancies page of our website, together with a supporting letter of no more than two sides of A4, explaining why you believe you are the right person for the job.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 9.00am on Monday 10th June 2024

Please email your completed application to: recruitment@qphs.co.uk

Interviews will take place w/c 10th June 2024.

We look forward to welcoming you to Queen's Park High School.

Tom Kearns

Headteacher



Queen's Park High School is an inclusive school, where students are nurtured and supported to grow into active and responsible citizens. We have 3 basic principles on which we build our expectations and the pastoral team work alongside curriculum staff to ensure that all students focus on these principles which are:

Prepared • Engaged • Respectful

All members of teaching staff are allocated a role as a form tutor, which we believe is a fundamental key role within our school. Tutors are key members of staff who, by interacting with their tutees every day will be key in setting and maintaining high standards and expectations with their tutees. Tutors move with their groups through the school and are able to know students and families well. This means that they can recognise the strengths of each child, support and intervene where needed and celebrate success, both in and outside of school.

We believe that building and developing positive relationships are key to our core values and to building the community that is Queen's Park High School.



Prepared Engaged Respectful



66 The atmosphere in the school is calm and welcoming. 99
Ofsted 2020

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Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is the beating heart of our school and central to our provision. We aim to provide our students with a world class academic and personal development curriculum.

We want all of our students to be able to experience an innovative and dynamic curriculum that prepares them to take their place in the world of work, as articulate, literate and confident adults. At every level, and in every subject, our mission is clear: we want every child to discover their aptitudes and talents; to be supported to maximise their potential; and to achieve their very best.

Full details about our curriculum can be found on our website: www.qphs.co.uk

66 Pupils enjoy coming to school. 99 Ofsted 2020

Key Stage 3

In years 7 to 9 students are taught in ability sets in the core subjects of English and Maths, and in mixed ability groups in Science. They follow a broad and balanced curriculum including subjects such as: Art, Drama, Geography, History, ICT, Music, PE, RE, Spanish and Technology. These foundation subjects are taught in mixed ability sets to foster a sense of co-operation and collaboration between students. Cycles of learning and assessment points are carefully planned to ensure KS3 prepares students in the best way possible for the start of their GCSE courses. There is a well-developed and comprehensive guidance programme around option choices in Year 9. Students and parents are well informed, supported and consulted to ensure the right choices are made by each individual student to enable them to be successful in their GCSEs.

Key Stage 4

In years 10 and 11 students have carefully completed their option choices. We offer a wide range of GCSE qualifications well suited to students' interests and aspirations. We offer all the EBacc subjects of: Geography, History, Computer Science, French and Spanish. This is in addition to the prescribed core curriculum of: English, English Literature, Maths, PE, RE and Science (including the option of separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics). Additionally students can choose from a wide range of other options, including: Art, 3D Design, Drama, Food Technology, Music, Photography, RE, Sports Studies and Triple Science. Students are taught in ability groups in core subjects.

66 Leaders want pupils to become well-rounded individuals who understand the wider world. Ofsted 2020

Key Stage 5

In years 12 and 13 the majority of our students choose to continue their studies here in the Sixth Form once they have completed Year 11. Alternatively we support students to move on to full time college places or to take up an apprenticeship within the local and surrounding area.

We have a strong track record in preparing students for Higher Education and our Key Stage 5 curriculum offers a wide range of courses at Level 3 including traditional A Levels, alongside vocational BTEC courses in a variety of subjects. For further information about Queen's Park High School's Sixth Form, please visit our website or request a copy of our Sixth Form prospectus.



We learn a lot about working together in teams and challenging ourselves to do things we didn't always think we could.

Creative Curriculum

As a former Specialist Visual Arts College we benefit from an exceptional range of teaching resources, facilities and opportunities to deliver art education at an extremely high level.

Facilities include: two art studios, a ceramic studio, sculpture garden and art gallery. Our highly experienced staff deliver well-established and popular courses in the visual arts which represent the enthusiasm and diverse interests of our students. Results in the visual arts overall are frequently exceptional and the work of our students is regularly exhibited in our art gallery.

Perhaps the highlight of our performing arts calendar is the annual school production. With over 20% of the school population involved, it is clear to see how this popular extra-curricular opportunity is as successful as it is.

With students auditioning for roles from September, the six-month process challenges everyone involved to work incredibly hard as a member of a highly motivated and successful team which involves students from Year 7 right the way through to Year 13.



Students who are interested in the technical and backstage aspects of the production begin their work in October, with a range of opportunities available making use of our professional theatre equipment. Previous productions include: Les Misérables, Disco Inferno, Little Shop of Horrors, Rock of Ages, School of Rock, Grease, We Will Rock You, Billy Elliot and Popstars, The 90's Musical.

In addition, students from all years have the opportunity to experience the arts internationally with recent trips to Colombia, West Coast America and New York enriching our curriculum.



Extra-Curricular

Personal Development and extra-curricular is central to our culture of strong relationships between staff and students.

At Queen's Park High School, we offer an extensive extra-curricular programme designed to enrich students' experience by providing the opportunity for them to make new friends, find new interests and develop new and existing skills.

We offer a wide range of activities many of which take place at lunchtimes throughout the week or after school. These are reviewed and updated each term to make our provision as diverse and inclusive as possible.

We encourage all our staff to actively engage in extra-curricular and enrichment. We believe memories made during these experiences last a life time.









66 Pupils take part in many activities, which help to develop their confidence and resilience.

Rowing at Queen's Park High School

As one of only four state schools in the country to have its own boathouse, we are immensely proud of the Rowing Club and its achievements. Our rowers regularly and successfully compete at a national level. Over the years a number of the club's rowers have been invited to join the Olympic GB training camp.

In 2022 a former student became World GB Silver Medallist and in 2023 two students were selected to represent Wales in the Under 19 Welsh rowing squad. Dry activities take place in our specialist fitness suite with water-based activities taking place throughout the week all year round.

Our Staff

Our culture of continuous learning and development applies to our staff as well as our students. On Tuesday afternoons the school day finishes at 2pm allowing staff to engage in our highly effective CPD programme. This programme includes a whole range of CPD workshops and sessions focusing on: pedagogy and practice, safeguarding, leadership development and time ring-fenced for independent study and professional growth. It also facilitates regular meeting time for departments to share best practice and focus on the development of teaching and learning in subject areas.

Early Career Teachers

We offer an enhanced package of support for all of our Early Career Teachers (ECTs) which follows the Early Career Framework. Our delivery partner, Best Practice Network, facilitate a whole range of supportive modules to enhance the growth of professional skill sets including approaches to behaviour management, assessment and curriculum development.

There are many opportunities for professional development that are led by supportive leaders. There is an overwhelming sense of community spirit which runs through staff and students and this has helped me to settle in quickly and easily.

We believe, that our ECTs learn best from each other and as such, offer two additional opportunities for sharing best practice and the development of professional skill sets:

- Weekly meetings with the Assistant Head for Teaching and Learning to share best practice and talk through the latest developments in pedagogy.
- Half termly meetings for ECTs and RQTs together to reflect on innovative practice and develop bespoke CPD sessions for the rest of the teaching staff.



I have had incredible support at Queen's Park High School as an ECT. Everyone is ready to help out and nothing is too big of an ask. The CPD and constant support have helped me to develop my teaching practice this year and I feel that working at Queen's Park for my ECT years will help me to form a strong foundation for my entire teaching career.

Partnership with Parents

Our highest priority is to ensure that students are happy, safe and supported in school and we can only achieve this through a close partnership with parents and carers.

We recognise the importance of excellent communication between home and school to encourage closer links and better understanding. This is facilitated through Parents' Evenings, the school website, newsletters, e-mails, text messages and social media. As a result of this Queen's Park High School was announced winner of the Communication Award at the Trinity Mirror Cheshire Schools Awards 2018.

All parents can access real time student data online through EduLink One, including: registers, homework assignments and assessment information. We encourage our parents to access this information and to regularly discuss how things are progressing in school with their child. Parents also receive information about their child's assessment grades each term and a summative report annually.

The school also has a very committed Parent Teacher Association (PTA) which actively supports both the school and our students.



Queen's Park High School for my daughter who is going into Year 8
... Queen's Park High School is just the best in every way.

Year 7 Parent



Further information

To find out more about school life at Queen's Park High School and keep up to date with all our news and events, please visit our school website and read our termly newsletters:

https://www.qphs.co.uk/newsletters or follow us on social media:



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Welcome from our Science Team

The science department at Queen's Park High School consists of a collaborative, supportive team of staff who strive to give our students the best opportunities to succeed in science.

Our focus is to deliver lessons on biological, chemical and physical aspects of Science through a varied approach of theory-based and practical hands-on learning.

Students will develop confidence in being able to describe, explain and apply scientific ideas as well as building on literacy, numeracy and enquiry skills in every lesson

We deliver GCSE AQA combined science and students can opt to take triple science as a GCSE. For A Level, we follow the AQA specifications for all science subjects.

Resourcing and Facilities

The science department has 6 well-resourced science labs and one classroom. Each lab is fully equipped with a range of practical equipment. We have a large preparation room and a full-time technician who supports the team with practical work.

We subscribe to Educake and this is used to support with students' homework and work outside of the classroom. We have a science staffroom where we regularly meet at break and lunchtimes.

As well as the labs, our large preparation room has a range of biology, chemistry and physics practical equipment.

The department is keen to promote trips linked to science and recently Year 8 students visited Chester Zoo for workshops about endangered species and climate change.









The Department

Extra-Curricular and Enrichment

Our science department lead the QPHS STEM club which meets weekly for students in all year groups.

STEM Club is very popular with students, and we currently have over 60 Key Stage 3 students taking part in a range of practical activities linked to science, technology, engineering and maths.

This year, we have worked with Chester Zoo who have delivered a 10 week workshop to Year 7 and 8 students on conservation and ecology.

In September 2022, Queen's Park High School was the first high school in the country to receive the STEM Club GOLD Quality Mark. This is the highest award to recognise the exceptional STEM provision on offer for our students.

Students have been awarded national and regional prizes for their work in STEM Club, including: 'Team of the Year 2019' at the Cheshire School Awards and National Runners Up at the Big Bang competition.

We have a successful Robotics Club for all students (Year 7 - 13) where they, design, build and programme a robot to enter into competitions. This is another very popular extra-curricular activity.

We participate in the annual National Science Week and in 2022 196 students earned their Discovery Crest Award for their project work during this week.

We also have a weekly Educake homework club at lunchtimes and regular revision sessions to support Year 11 and 13 throughout the year.



Job Description



Role: Teacher of Science

Responsible to: Curriculum Team Leader

CLOSING DATE

9.00am Monday 10th June 2024

Basic Job Purpose

- To facilitate inspirational learning
- To implement and deliver relevant and differentiated learning for students and to support a designated curriculum area as appropriate.
- To monitor and support the overall progress and development of students as a teacher/Form Tutor.
- To contribute to raising the standards of student attainment.
- To share and support the school's responsibility to provide and monitor opportunities for personal and academic growth..

Key Tasks

- To assist in the continued development and implementation of appropriate schemes of work resources, marking policies and teaching strategies in the curriculum area.
- To contribute to the curriculum area's development plan and its implementation.
- To plan and prepare courses and lessons.
- To contribute to the whole school's planning activities.
- To take part in the school's staff development programme by participating in arrangements for further training and professional development.
- To engage actively in the Performance Management Appraisal Review process to enable continued personal development in the relevant areas including subject knowledge and teaching methods.
- To regularly observe colleagues' teaching as part of on-going development.
- To ensure the effective/efficient deployment of classroom support.
- To work as a member of a designated team and to contribute positively to effective working relations within the school.
- To maintain appropriate records and to provide relevant accurate and up-to-date information for MIS, registers etc.
- To complete the relevant documentation to assist in the tracking and intervention of students.
- To track student progress and use information to inform teaching and learning.
- To communicate effectively with the parents/carers of students and external agencies, as appropriate.
- To take part in marketing and liaison activities such as Open Evenings, Parents' Evenings, Review days and liaison events with partner schools.
- To assist the Curriculum Team Leader to identify resource needs and to contribute to the efficient and effective use of physical resources.
- To be a Group Tutor to an assigned group of students.
- To promote the general progress and well-being of individual students and of the Tutor Group as a whole.
- To liaise with a pastoral leader to ensure the implementation of the school's Pastoral System.
- To register students, accompany them to assemblies, encourage their full attendance at all lessons and their participation in other aspects of school life.
- To mentor students in Tutor Groups, taking a personal interest and becoming involved in the development of the group.

Job Description

Additional duties

 To play a full part in life of the school community, to support its distinctive mission and ethos and to encourage staff and students to follow this example.

Other specific duties

- To continue personal development as agreed.
- To engage actively in the performance review process.
- To undertake any other duty as specified by STPCB not mentioned in the above.
- To undertake other reasonable duties as designated by the Headteacher.
- Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this Job Description.

- Employees are expected to be courteous to colleagues and provide a welcoming environment to visitors and telephone callers.
- Demonstrate knowledge, understanding and positively promote equality of opportunity.
- Support a positive culture throughout the organisation and adopts behaviours that exemplify the school and Trust's culture.
- Encourage the development of productive and collaborative working relationships across the Trust.
- The post holder will be required to undertake other duties and any reasonable instructions given by the line manager or the Trust.



Person Specification



Criteria	Qualities
Qualifications	 Good Degree in Science or science related subject PGCE Subject knowledge sufficient to challenge all students
Experience	 Excellent record within a department Experience of developing new approaches to Teaching and Learning. Experience teaching KS3 and KS4 (KS5 desirable)
Job Related Knowledge	 Familiarity with National Curriculum and recent changes Knowledge and understanding of how AfL can be used in the teaching of the subject to enhance student learning Be able to analyse and interpret student data to identify areas of underperformance Knowledge and experience of implementing strategies to address underperformance
Skills and Aptitudes	 Enthusiasm for teaching Ability to work as part of a team Willingness to take on or try new approaches & ideas Excellent ICT skills Able to use a range of teaching & learning strategies Excellent classroom management skills A positive attitude towards professional development and own learning Good organisational skills Ability to meet deadlines Excellent time management High level of organisation Patience and flexibility Good sense of humour
Additional Requirements	 Excellent attendance Excellent punctuality Commitment to further developing your own professional knowledge, skills and experience

• Willingness to contribute to extra-curricular activities

Application Process

Timetable for the Appointment

The selection committee will consider applications and candidates selected will be notified as soon as possible thereafter and provided with more detailed information including the necessary paperwork to bring to the interview.

The Interview

During the interview process the applicants will be assessed to determine how they fulfil the requirements of the post and this will include a consideration of the applicant's suitability to work with children.

If the applicant is shortlisted, any discrepancies or anomalies in the information provided or issues arising from references will be taken up at interview.

How to Apply

In order to promote fairness and consistency amongst applicants, only application forms fully completed will be accepted (please refrain from using "please see attached CV" when completing sections of the form). You may wish to provide further information on a separate sheet where space is limited on the form. However, should you have a disability that prevents you from completing an application form, please contact the school for advice.

Incomplete forms or a form containing gaps in the information provided may be returned for completion before it can be considered.

We encourage applications from a diverse range of applicants.



Our preferred method of receipt is by email to:

recruitment@qphs.co.uk or a.nancollas@qphs.co.uk

Alternatively, applications can be posted FAO:

Mrs A Nancollas HR Officer Queen's Park High School Queens Park Chester CH4 7AE

Please endorse the envelope:
'Teacher of Science'
Interviews will take place:
w/c 10th June 2024

Additional Information



Referees

References will only be sought for those candidates who are invited to attend for interview. Applicants should provide details of two referees on the Application form, one of whom must be your current or previous employer. These referees will be contacted prior to interview as part of the pre-appointment checks.

Evidence of Eligibility to Work in the UK

In accordance with the requirements of the Immigration Act 2016, if you are invited to interview you will be required to produce evidence of your eligibility to work in the UK and you must bring original documents with you to the interview in the form of:

- A passport/national identity card confirming either British Citizenship or European Economic Area Nationality /or a valid workpermit to cover the role applied for or;
- A document from the Home Office confirming that you are allowed to work in the UK.

If you do not have any of the documents listed above you will need to discuss with the HR Administrator who will facilitate an alternative approach.

Short-Listed Candidates

An online search will also be carried out as part of due diligence on all short-listed candidates.

Verification of Educational/ Professional Qualifications

You will be required to provide evidence of any educational or professional qualifications necessary or relevant to the post you have applied for.

Originals or certified copies must be produced. When these are not available, written confirmation of the relevant qualifications should be obtained from the awarding body.

Pre-Employment Health Declaration

All successful applicants upon offer of employment will be required to complete a preemployment Health Declaration to ensure that they are both physically and mentally fit to carry out the role applied for. Health conditions should be declared to enable the consideration of reasonable adjustments.

Feedback

We welcome feedback on the quality and scope of our recruitment process.



Safeguarding

The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act

The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act allows for a person who has been convicted of a criminal offence involving a sentence of not more than 2.5 years imprisonment and who has since lived trouble free for a specified period of time (related to the severity of the offence) to be treated as if the offence, conviction or sentence had never occurred. This is known as a spent conviction.

This job is one of those to which the provisions of the above Act in relation to spent convictions, do not apply. Applicants must therefore disclose whether they have any previous convictions, whether or not they are spent.

Should an applicant have a criminal conviction, this will be discussed in confidence at interview. However only convictions that are relevant to the job in question will be taken into account. Failure to disclose any conviction could lead to an application being rejected, or, if appointed, may lead later to dismissal.

People who have convictions will be treated fairly and given every opportunity to establish their suitability for the job, all applicants will be considered on merit and ability.

Any information that you give will be kept in strict confidence and will be used only in respect of your application for the job.





Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

Successful applicants will be asked to apply for a Criminal Record Check (Disclosure) from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

This job is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure which provides details of all convictions held on the Police National Computer Database, including current and spent convictions as well as details of any cautions, reprimands or final warnings. If a job involves working with children, the disclosure will indicate whether information is held on government department lists. There is an additional level of check which also includes a check on local police records.

A copy of the Disclosure and Barring Service Code of Practice is available on request. Further information about the Disclosure scheme can be found at https://www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service

A copy of the school's Safeguarding Policy can be found here: https://www.gphs.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=993&type=pdf

Our Senior Leadership Team





Tom Kearns Headteacher



Tom Gregory Deputy Headteacher IC Quality of Education



Matt Yeoman Assistant Headteacher IC Character & Culture



Dave Helsby
Director of IT (TLT)



Zoe Williams Safeguarding Lead



Lisa Phillips
Assistant Headteacher IC T&L/
Literacy



Ashley Jones
Assistant Headteacher
IC Data & Assessment



Jill Cutler SLT secondment Behaviour & Attendance

Queen's Park High School is a part of **The Learning Trust (TLT)**. Our Trust exists to serve young people, to educate, enlighten and give them the expertise and confidence to succeed. Our values are displayed on this page. We believe that through them and through honest and open collaboration, higher standards will be achieved across the Trust.

TLT currently comprises three secondary schools: Queen's Park High School, Christleton High School and Chester International School, and one primary school: Belgrave Primary School - and discussions continue with the aim of expanding our offer to partners both local and international. Our offices are based at Queen's Park High School, Chester. We believe that Chester and the North West offers a truly brilliant opportunity for education, business and quality of life, and it is our mission to further enrich this by providing an education service which is both diverse and outstanding.

To read more about The Learning Trust, please visit: https://www.tltrust.co.uk/





Darran JonesChief Executive
Officer



Euan Imrie, Chair of Trustees

- **1. Students are always first** the prime consideration in all decisions will be the best interests and educational outcomes of current and prospective students.
- **2. Mutual benefit** the interests of the Trust will always be combined with the interests of individual schools, seeking the very best and co-operating to share resources and success
- **3. Inclusivity** the Trust will welcome students of all backgrounds and abilities.
- **4. Freedom to innovate and make decisions** optimum delegation to local Governing Bodies and individual schools commensurate with the Trust's statutory responsibilities and efficiency.
- **5. Excellence and learning** every student will be supported and challenged to achieve their potential. All adults employed by and associated with the Trust will have and exhibit a 'learning mindset'.
- **6.** Partnership the Trust will continually seek to work in partnership to achieve better outcomes for current and prospective students, and to improve education in the area.
- **7. Fairness** all students and staff will be treated with fairness and parity whilst encouraging diversity and identity.
- **8. Integrity** all those associated with the Trust will act with kindness, courtesy and integrity, in accordance with both school and Trust ideals and values.

OUR SCHOOLS



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

I would like to wish you a very warm welcome to Queen's Park High School, a smaller than average 11-18 school, beautifully located to the south of the River Dee, in the heart of Chester. My name is Tom Kearns and I have the privilege of inheriting the outstanding legacy left by Miss Watterson, as the new Headteacher here. Queen's Park is an ambitious, forward thinking school with a clear vision, which is to 'Inspire Individuals, Empower Minds and Define Futures'. We strive to provide the very best learning and personal development opportunities for every young person in our care, but we also strive to provide these opportunities with care too!

Tom Kearns, Headteacher



We are a highly successful school situated in the picturesque village of Christleton, with over 1,350 students on roll. The School serves a community of small villages and housing on the east side Chester, approximately three miles from the City centre. We are a school where the desire to learn is infectious and students of all abilities flourish. Everyone works hard to create a learning environment where all are welcome and diversity is celebrated. Consequently, academic standards at the school are very high and frequently amongst the highest in the region, thanks to: highly motivated staff; children who wish to learn and parents who support them.

Kevin Smith, Interim Headteacher



Chester International School is a hub of technology, innovation and academic study which is unparalleled in its commitment to global and professional engagement. We offer extended field studies and our students can choose subjects and elective activities which really interest them and there are many opportunities for travel and adventure. As you explore what makes CIS unique, I encourage you to consider how you might fit in our dynamic community.

Katrina Brown, Headteacher



Belgrave Primary School was opened in 1968 and was originally a one form entry primary school. It became an infant school in 1974 and returned to being a primary school in September 2008. Since 2008 our admission number has been 30 and we are a one form entry school. The school is attached to Westminster Park Community Centre which serves the local area. The school is well resourced with laptops and iPads in Key Stage One and Two in addition to desktop computers in the Key Stage Two workspace. All classes have interactive whiteboards. We have large practical "workspaces" outside the classrooms which are used for a range of lessons and activities including art, design and technology, Computing and group teaching.

Juliette Benton, Headteacher

