

**THORNHILL COLLEGE** 

**Home Economics Department** 

Home Economics in Thornhill is offered as part of a broad and balanced curriculum to enable pupils to be better equipped for further education, employment and adult life. Combined, the food and drink industry and the health, social care and early years' sector are a main source of the country's employment. Home Economics provides a sound basis for students to further their studies in an extensive range of relevant subject areas such as food marketing, manufacturing, product development, dietetics or childcare.

The aim of the department is to:

- provide pupils with opportunities to synthesise a wide range of knowledge, skills attitudes and values
- equip young people with the skills and knowledge which will encourage good health and a positive attitude to food throughout their lives
- create a positive and safe learning environment for all pupils by fostering positive behaviour and attitudes among pupils
- provide meaningful experiences and opportunities for personal fulfilment in creative, sensory and practical skills
- provide opportunities to develop education/community links relevant to the curriculum
- allow pupils to work independently, take responsibility for their learning and eventually meet their full potential in public examinations.

Home Economics is a compulsory subject for all students at Key Stage 3 and is offered as an option at Key Stage 4, AS and A2 levels. Practical work is integral to study and is central to student progression within both Key Stage 3 & Key Stage 4 programmes. At Key Stage 4 there is a high uptake of Child Development with all students consistently achieving A\*-C grades.

There are 3 full time teachers of Home Economics in a well resourced and modern department. Teachers of Home Economics are also expected to be able to contribute to the delivery of modules within GCE Health and Social Care, the college's Sixth Form Enrichment Programme and Learning for Life and Work.

Please ensure that in your application form, you address the criteria mentioned in the job advertisement.