**Mark Watson**

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Mark spent the first 5 years of his working career completing  an apprenticeship at a major machine tool manufacturer. This was followed by a four year spell subcontracting as a machinist working on projects for companies such as Parker Pens, Jaguar Cars and DuPont nylon. However he felt the need to do something different so turned to education and in 1997 graduated from Goldsmiths College.

Since then Mark has worked exclusively in east London as a design technology teacher, second in department and for the last six years as head of department. Mark has a passion for all things connected to design, technology and engineering and is a strong advocate for pupils experiencing this first hand. He enjoys taking pupils on visits wherever possible to allow this.