



Science Technician (Key Stage 3 responsibility)

The Post

The vacancy is for a permanent part-time (25 hours per week) science technician who would take responsibility for Key Stage 3 Science as well as working with the other three technicians, who each take responsibility for Biology, Chemistry and Physics GCSE and A-level.

Key responsibilities for all technicians

- to coordinate the use of practical resources and facilities
- to provide assistance and advice in meeting the practical needs of the science curriculum
- to ensure the maintenance of a healthy & safe working environment

Core activities for all technicians

All technicians should be able to undertake the following

- Delivering equipment to rooms.
- Collecting, checking and returning equipment to stores.
- Taking care of laboratory equipment and apparatus.
- General laboratory cleaning (bench surfaces and fixed equipment).
- Cleaning laboratory sinks, emptying / supervising the emptying of sink traps.
- Making up bench solutions
- Replacing faulty fuses
- Ideally, undertake first aid training
- Assist during the open morning in October (Saturday)

The Department

The department consists of 14 teachers, teaching all three subjects from year 7 to year 13. There is a strong emphasis on practical work in all years. There are nine well-stocked laboratories and four prep rooms (one for each technician) plus a separate chemical store.

Working hours

During term time: 8:30-2:30pm (including one hour unpaid for lunch) plus such additional hours as reasonably required by the School (e.g. to complete any preparation, attend dept. meetings, open morning one Saturday per year).

School holidays: as and when required by the School (e.g. stocktaking and maintenance) as directed by the Head of Department.

Break times and lunchtimes normally taken in the last half of period 2 and period 4 (respectively) so that technicians are available during normal break and part of lunchtime. This may need to be adapted on a day to day basis depending on lunchtime activities (e.g. Junior Science Club) and then needs of particular practicals.

Please see our Recruitment Pack for a full description of the School's Strategic Plan and significant opportunities for your professional development at St Benedict's.

Remuneration

Applications are welcome from experienced technicians. Remuneration will depend on experience and qualifications and will be reviewed annually.

Applications and Timetable

Candidates must apply using the enclosed application form. This must be completed in full and include the names, addresses and telephone numbers of TWO referees one of whom, if appropriate, should be your current employer.

Closing date for applications is **26 June 2024**.

Interviews will take place as when we receive applications. If you have not heard from us, please assume your application has been unsuccessful.

The successful applicant will take up the post on **1st September 2024**.