



SCIENCE TECHNICIAN

Department: Science

Line Manager: Lead Technician

Hours: Full time, term time only

About Us

Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation is an independent co-educational day and boarding school, committed to delivering high-quality education and outstanding pastoral care.

Our Science Department provides an engaging and challenging curriculum across Biology, Chemistry and Physics, supported by well-equipped laboratories and a dedicated team of teaching and support staff.

The Role

This is an excellent opportunity for an organised, practical and reliable Science Technician to join our thriving Science Department, supporting the delivery of practical science across Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Working closely with teaching staff, you will prepare equipment and materials for lessons, maintain laboratories and specialist equipment, and help ensure that practical science activities are delivered safely and efficiently.

The successful candidate will play an important role in supporting the day-to-day operation of the Science Department, helping to create an environment in which pupils can fully engage with practical science.

Key Responsibilities

Practical Support

- Prepare equipment, chemicals and materials for practical science lessons.
- Assemble and test apparatus for practical activities.
- Set up and clear away equipment before and after lessons.
- Assist teachers with practical demonstrations where required.
- Provide technical advice and support to teaching staff where appropriate.

Laboratory & Equipment Management

- Maintain laboratory equipment and specialist apparatus.
- Monitor stock levels of chemicals, equipment and consumables.
- Order supplies as required.
- Organise the safe storage of chemicals, equipment and materials.
- Maintain accurate stock records.

Health & Safety

- Ensure laboratories comply with health and safety requirements.
- Carry out routine safety checks on laboratory equipment.
- Assist with technician risk assessments.
- Ensure the safe storage, handling and disposal of chemicals and hazardous materials.
- Maintain first aid kits, safety equipment and laboratory facilities.
- Keep up to date with relevant health and safety guidance and best practice.

General

- Work collaboratively with teaching and support staff across the Foundation.

- Attend departmental meetings where required.
- Undertake training and continuing professional development.
- Carry out any other duties appropriate to the role.

Person Specification

Essential

The successful candidate will:

- Have a scientific background, including laboratory experience.
- Be organised with excellent attention to detail.
- Have good practical and technical skills.
- Be able to manage competing priorities effectively.
- Be able to work independently and as part of a team.
- Have good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Be committed to maintaining high standards of health and safety.

Desirable

- Degree, HND or equivalent qualification in a science subject.
- Previous experience working as a Science Technician or in a laboratory environment.
- Experience of maintaining scientific equipment.
- Experience of supporting practical science lessons.
- Knowledge of laboratory health and safety procedures.
- Basic First Aid knowledge.
- Commitment to continuing professional development.

What we offer

Working at Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation offers the opportunity to be part of a supportive and collaborative Science Department within one of the UK's leading independent school foundations.

We offer:

- A full-time, term-time only position.
- A friendly and supportive working environment.
- Opportunities for training and professional development.
- Free lunch during term time.
- Workplace pension.
- The opportunity to contribute to an engaging practical science curriculum.

Safeguarding

Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful applicant will be required to undergo an Enhanced DBS check together with all other appropriate pre-employment checks.

Application Process

Please submit a completed application form to hr@dcshf.org.uk.

Applications will be reviewed on receipt and we reserve the right to interview and appoint before the closing date. Early applications are therefore encouraged.