

Role:	Science Laboratory Technician
Salary:	West Sussex Grade 5 + Crawley Allowance
Hours:	Term time only (TTO) + Additional 1 week + INSET days 37 hours per week over 5 days
Contract Type:	Permanent
Position Level:	SCHG41a

All duties will be expected to be carried out according to agreed School Policies and Procedures. Due regard will be given to appropriate Confidentiality concerning school matters at all times.

Reporting to:	Senior Science Technician
Purpose:	Extend the Leadership of the Headteacher. Create the opportunity and capacity for all members of the school community to learn. Embody the Christian ethos and underpinning elements of the school.
General:	Providing technical and administrative support for the Science department. Looking after and providing science resources for lessons and caring for the laboratories and preparation rooms.
Key Duties:	<p>Working closely with technical and teaching colleagues: helping to provide the best possible education for students through science</p> <p>Science lessons resources: providing equipment and materials for lessons and servicing practical lessons</p> <p>Equipment, chemical supplies and livestock: maintaining equipment in good working order, keeping adequate supplies of stock and safe storage</p> <p>Laboratories and preparation rooms: participating to maintain laboratories and preparation rooms as safe and effective working environments</p> <p>Information and records: performing clerical and administrative tasks relating to all other key accountabilities</p> <p>Health and safety: carrying out all tasks within health and safety guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets with the senior technician on a daily basis for allocation of tasks • Be familiar with the science teaching timetable in designated laboratories and liaises with all teaching staff in the science department on issues including queries about requests for apparatus, clashes of requests for equipment, technical or health and safety advice • Checks teachers' requests for equipment and prepares apparatus, materials and solutions, including data logging activities and setting up science computers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivers adequate supplies/sets of apparatus, books, worksheets, videos, other materials and solutions to laboratories. This can include setting up of apparatus for demonstrations as appropriate or for practical exams or assessments • Retrieves apparatus, books, worksheets, videos, other materials and solutions after use and return to storage. This includes the filing of worksheets • Collects flora and fauna as necessary • Prepares solutions and equipment for practical's and assessment after appropriate training. Preparation and disposal of Science and practical's and assessments following CLEAPSS guidelines after appropriate training • Participates in the developments of practical activities including constructing apparatus, trialling practical work and providing feedback • Cleans glassware and other apparatus • Handles and disposes of hazardous chemicals and waste laboratory materials in accordance with level of technical expertise and following established guidelines. Keeps all hazardous substances secure, checks frequently and keeps records • Checks regularly that equipment is in good working order and performs general maintenance and repair of apparatus and equipment • Carries out routine care of plant and animal (fish) collections • Carries out stock checks of consumables, chemicals, apparatus, books and worksheets. Organisation, care for and storage of equipment, materials (including worksheets, books and video tapes) and apparatus • Maintains appropriate quantities of stock and bench solutions in accordance with guidelines • Checks services in laboratories and preparation rooms for safe working order on a regular basis and reports any damage or deficiency to line manager • Ensures that gas and electrical supplies are turned off in all laboratories at the end of the school day and that the eye wash tube is still in place. Maintains a supply of paper towels and lab cleaning kits in laboratories. Maintains first aid boxes as guided by the current First Aider or Health and Safety officer • Carries out regular safety checks in laboratories and on equipment as directed by the senior technician or Leader of Learning Science. (These include daily, weekly, monthly and annual checks as appropriate) • Keeps work surfaces and sinks clear and ensures that they are free of items or substances hazardous to health • Ensures all storage is well organised and that items are readily accessible. Labels all stock clearly. • Technicians may also be asked to assist in the purchasing of equipment or materials from local shops on occasions, as appropriate
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains an up-to-date inventory of resources. Files information, instruction and service records relating to science resources • Keeps logs, records, health and safety guidelines, catalogues and request slips in designated area • Works within the safety guidelines of the department, school, LA and statutory requirements • Keeps fully up-to-date with current safety and security methods in relation to the technician service to the science department, in accordance with school, county and national guidelines • Is responsible for matters concerning relevant A-level lessons and equipment in accordance with CLEAPSS and health and safety rules. <p>Appendix 1: highlights the additional responsibilities for a chemistry, biology and physics technician.</p>
Generic Duties:	To deputise in the absence of other staff. Undertake duties involving student contact, as requested.
CPD:	To follow a mutually agreed programme of continuing professional development.
Additional Information:	For inset training you will be aligned with the Science department. 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 in a reflection of the changing needs and circumstances as the school develops and grows.

Appendix 1

Chemistry	Prepares solutions and equipment for chemistry A-level practicals and assessments after appropriate training.
	In charge of chemical storage and liaises with chemical disposal in order to arrange collection of hazardous chemicals (see health and safety policy).
	Ensures that items required for chemistry practicals/assessments are ordered via the senior science technician in plenty of time.
Biology	Prepares solutions and equipment for A-level practicals and assessments after appropriate training. Preparation and disposal of biology and microbiological practicals and A-level assessments following CLEAPSS guidelines after appropriate training.
	Carries out routine care of plant and animal collections.
Physics	Prepares solutions and equipment for physics A-level practicals and disposes of these after use following CLEAPSS guidelines. Each set of equipment must be tested before a practical examination.
	Carries out routine checks of physics equipment e.g. Electrical trolleys.
	Ensures that items required for physics practicals/assessments are ordered via the senior science technician in plenty of time.
	Issues and collects radioactive sources and keeps a record of when they are used. Ensures that new members of staff have read local radiation regulations and signed to say that they have done so.

	Liaises with radiation protection advisor with regards to annual leakage checks.
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Signed: (Post Holder) Date:

Signed: (Line Manager) Date:

The particular duties assigned to this post are set out above but should not be regarded as exclusive or exhaustive. There will be other duties and requirements associated with your job and, in addition, as a term of your employment you may be required to undertake various other duties as may reasonably be required. These duties may be reviewed and amended in consultation with the post holder in light of any changes in the requirements and priorities within the school. Such variations are a common occurrence and cannot of themselves justify a re-grading of the post.

