



APPLICATION PACK

POST REFERENCE: 2015

ROLE: SCIENCE TECHNICIAN

START DATE: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

SALARY: B1 £18,933 TO £19,698 (PRO RATA SALARY
£17,439 TO £18,143)

HOURS: 37 HOURS PER WEEK, TERM TIME ONLY PLUS 20
DAYS

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"I think the teaching staff at Leeds West Academy are exceptional. I wouldn't be the person I am today without their outstanding support. They make this school an amazing place to learn."

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MESSAGE FROM THE TRUST

Dear applicant,

We are delighted that you are considering applying for a role within the White Rose Academies Trust. Your interest comes at an important and exciting time in the development of the trust and our relentless implementation of our 2025 vision. At the heart of this vision is the aim for more young people and colleagues to benefit from our community-focused philosophy; the belief that the education we deliver regenerates our communities and transforms lives.

In December 2020, we reached our first milestone when our first primary school joined our trust as a sponsored academy. Already, this truly community-focused academy, now named Alder Tree Primary, has enriched our trust and so, our vision is one step closer to becoming reality. Therefore, you could not be joining us at a more exciting point in our ongoing transformation. As we look forward to the prospect of many more schools joining us, the reality is that this could be a pivotal moment in your career. As we grow, the opportunities within our trust and the wider Luminate Education Group are limitless.



The power of a vision is best measured by the number of detractors who claim it cannot be achieved. In our roles as Chief Executive Officer and Executive Principal of the White Rose Academies Trust, it has been a privilege to witness the drive and determination with which our staff have implemented our vision, to ensure that our academies provide:

- world-class levels of teaching and learning,
- bespoke pastoral care that nurtures our students' aspirations,
- inspiring learning environments where our students can make mistakes and overcome their personal fears to become the best version of themselves,

- industry-leading continuous professional development for all staff, as investing in our colleagues is always the right thing to do,
- local centres of community transformation.

The hard work has been recognised, and whilst we know our work is far from complete, we are proud to have reached several milestones:

- 'Good' Ofsted ratings at all three secondary academies in 2019, with an 'Outstanding' rating at Leeds City Academy for Leadership and Management.
- We welcomed our first primary in late 2020, Alder Tree Primary.
- We began an aspirational journey in 2021 by joining High Performance Learning's 'World Class' school transformation programme.

Our dedicated staff, incredible governors and amazing students are relentless in their shared aim to create truly world-class schools. The trust strives daily to empower its academy Principals to create schools that genuinely represent the communities they serve. We insist that our academies and our trust are externally focused, obsessive in their quest to learn from the very best, never leaving self-improvement to chance. We see vacancies such as this as an opportunity to attract talent, bringing the best practice into our trust. By joining us, you become a crucial part of the team that will deliver our powerful vision. Together, we will transform lives.



THE WHITE ROSE ACADEMIES TRUST “WE SAID, WE DID”



Yours sincerely,

Mr Andrew Whitaker
CEO, White Rose Academies Trust
Deputy CEO Teaching and Learning, Luminate Education Group



Yours sincerely,

Mr Christian Wilcocks
Executive Principal
White Rose Academies Trust

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am absolutely delighted to share this amazing opportunity at Leeds West Academy, as we seek to recruit another talented and aspirational colleague, committed to professional excellence, to join our team.

Our vision is that Leeds West Academy is an academy renowned for excellence and is a seat of transformation and pride in its community. We are supported on our journey towards that vision by being a part of the White Rose Academies Trust. White Rose has a strong reputation of being a caring, supportive and effective organisation that puts people first.

I am sure that having read about the White Rose Academies Trust, Leeds West Academy, our students, our community, and our continued journey of transformation, you will recognise the opportunity to become an integral part of building something remarkable.



Leeds West Academy is built upon a strong sense of community, underpinned by our core values and at the heart of this academy are the nurturing and supportive relationships that exist amongst our staff and students. These relationships are what makes this academy special and benefit our students each and every day. In my time in education, I have seen nothing that compares to the community we have here at Leeds West Academy: a community where staff and students thrive.

We are a 'Good' and rapidly improving academy and I am delighted that you have taken an interest in joining our community and wanting to work for us. In May 2019, Ofsted judged our academy as 'Good' in all areas and in that same year we secured the best GCSE results in the academy's history. We are proud of these achievements, but I believe that better never stops and we are constantly improving. My vision is for an academy that provides an exceptional, world class education and leads to exceptional futures for all our students and engenders this important sense of pride in the community we serve.

Our success has been down to the high expectations we have of our staff and students in committing and working together to ensure that every student at Leeds West Academy is known, valued and understood. Our broad and ambitious curriculum offers new life experiences and secures strong outcomes, so every student achieves their fullest potential.

All staff at the academy are committed to professional excellence and doing even the most ordinary things extraordinarily well. It is because of this commitment to accepting nothing but the best for our students that Leeds West Academy has become one of the most popular academies in Leeds, something of which our students and staff are rightly proud.

Leeds West Academy is a vibrant, diverse and welcoming school community and we are currently making excellent progress. As part of the White Rose Academies Trust, Leeds West Academy has set its ambition to be rated Ofsted 'Outstanding'. This is a challenge that both staff and pupils alike are determined and excited to meet.

We continue this journey of transformation and are determined to provide an exceptional quality of education and culture for all students at Leeds West Academy, with the ambition that all students excel both academically and as aspirational and inspirational young people. There is no better time to join Leeds West Academy as a colleague.

Leeds West Academy is a unique and very special place to work. Our philosophy is grounded equally in securing the highest professional standards and supporting and caring for all professionals. We will create the environment for you to succeed. As a key member of the White Rose Academies Trust and ground-breaking Luminate Education Group, all professionals benefit from exceptional CPD like no other in the city. Wellbeing underpins our decisions and is embedded within the culture of the White Rose Academies Trust. A broad, varied and highly personalised package of CPD is well-established, driven by the latest educational research, and focused on the development of all professionals in the organisation at each career stage. Colleagues train with us, grow with us and progress with us.

It is a privilege to lead Leeds West Academy on the next phase of our journey to 'Outstanding' and I thank you for the interest you have shown in joining our community and working with us.

SO, NOW IT'S OVER TO YOU...

- Are you eager to join a forward-thinking organisation committed to securing the highest educational, professional, and personal standards?
- Do you feel you will thrive within a culture that is driven by clear values that permeate everything we do?
- Do you feel passionately about transforming student lives and the opportunities provided to our communities? If so, then we would be delighted to hear from you.



Yours sincerely,



Mr Dan Whieldon
Principal

JOB DESCRIPTION

Post Reference: 2015

Academy: Leeds West Academy

Job Title: Science Technician

Grade: B1 - £18,933 to £19,698 (Pro rata salary £17,439 to £18,143)

Hours: 37 hours per week, term time only plus 20 days

Accountable to: Senior Science Technician

Role:

To contribute to key objectives of the Academy Development Plan, raising standards of achievement by providing high quality technical support to staff and students within the science area; preparation of apparatus/resources for practical lessons; maintenance of equipment; stock control; general administration tasks.

NB: All post-holders at White Rose Academies Trust are responsible for improving the outcomes for learners and upholding the ethos of the academies. Keeping Children Safe in Education and the guidance for safer working practice direct the work of every adult working at or associated with White Rose Academies Trust.

Specific Responsibilities:

- To deputise in the absence of the Senior Science Technician
- To assist in the co-ordination of the use and development of, practical resources and facilities in meeting the practical requirements of the science curriculum across Key Stages 3 and 4 within the academy
- To provide technical support for teaching staff and students in the science area
- To provide equipment and materials to support science practical teaching; construct and modify apparatus where necessary; removing materials safely afterwards
- To assist in the asset management of equipment; administration of the booking in/out system for equipment, including 'fault reporting' procedures
- To be responsible for charging, distribution, and fault reporting for assets within the Science Hub
- To undertake general administration tasks
- To carry out reprographics tasks as required by the science hub

Maintenance of Health and Safety:

- To take on an active role in the assessment, monitoring and review of Health and Safety procedures and information resources
- To ensure current Health and Safety procedures and practices are up to date
- To ensure the provision of technical advice on Health and Safety issues to teachers and other support staff
- To ensure the safe treatment and disposal of used materials, including hazardous substances and responding to actual or potential hazards
- To ensure the healthy and safe storage and accessibility of equipment and materials
- To maintain and clean apparatus and laboratory equipment
- To ensure that both routine and non-routine checking, cleaning, maintenance, calibration, testing and repairing of equipment are carried out to the required standard, specifying, and installing additional equipment as necessary
- To ensure the availability of suitable materials and equipment, helping compile orders and liaising or negotiating with suppliers. This will include sourcing, costing, and suggesting economic alternatives to maintain stock levels
- To maintain accurate up to date records of all equipment, chemicals, and stock
- Use ICT effectively to perform duties in an efficient manner and to support the use of ICT equipment within the science faculty
- Maintain the collection, issuing and cleaning away of equipment, apparatus and materials from storage and their organisation for class use
- To conduct any other duties as requested by the Curriculum Leader or Senior Science Technician

Other Duties:

- To promote equality, diversity and inclusion and demonstrate this within the role
- To be jointly responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of students
- Undertake any other reasonable duties commensurate with the post

Equal Opportunities:

- To promote equal opportunities in education in order that all children and families will gain optimum benefit from the service provided
 - To promote and ensure that all students and young people are happy, healthy, safe, successful and achieve economic wellbeing
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Generic Staff Requirements:

- To uphold the professional standards expected of every member of academy staff in all dealings with colleagues, students, parents/carers and the wider community
- To adhere to the principles expressed in the aims of the academy and its mission statement
- To actively contribute to the continued development of the academy by attending training, participating in relevant meetings, and putting forward ideas for improvement
- To be a positive, collaborative team member
- To apply academy policies in all aspects of the role
- To keep up to date with all aspects of the Safeguarding Children policy as it applies to the post
- To participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required
- To attend department meetings
- To manage own performance and development

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities for the post, each individual task undertaken may not be identified, especially in the context of a new and growing academy which requires flexibility in all of its employees.

This job description is current at the date shown but, in consultation with the postholder, may be changed by the Principal to reflect or anticipate changes in the job commensurate with the grade and job title.

This job description will be reviewed annually. The post-holder may be required to take on additional responsibilities when necessary to ensure the effective running of the academy.

All postholders are accountable through White Rose Academies Trust Performance Management Policy. The Governors and Principals of White Rose Academies Trust are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and ensuring that safer recruiting procedures are in place.

White Rose Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its students and expects all staff and volunteers to share the commitment. Appointments will be subject to Safer Recruitment Procedures and an enhanced DBS check. Please note this role will involve contact with children and you will be engaging in regulated activity. It is an offence to apply for the role if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children.

We promote diversity and want a workforce which reflects the population of Leeds. Applications are welcome from all, irrespective of sex, sexuality, race, religion, marital status, age or disability.



"Whilst working at Leeds West Academy, I have seen the Academy grow from strength to strength within the community. I have had the opportunity to work alongside many professionals and external agencies and have built positive working relationships with other high schools within the west wedge.

As part of my role, I have also had the experience of working alongside fantastic teachers and co-professionals, supporting students settling into life at Leeds West Academy."

Sue Matthews, Office Manager

PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

Academy: Leeds West Academy

Job Title: Science Technician

You should be able to demonstrate that you meet the following criteria which are all essential:

E= Essential D=Desirable

Measured by:

A=Application Form

T=Test/Exercise

P=Presentation

I=Interview R=References

QUALIFICATIONS		
D	GCSE grade C or above in science, English and maths	A
D	Successful study beyond Key Stage 4	A
D	Other relevant qualifications	A
D	A good level of appropriate ICT skills	A

EXPERIENCE/KNOWLEDGE		
D	Experience of working in a team	A
D	Experience of managing stock levels	A
D	Experience of working in a classroom environment	A
D	Experience of ordering stock and equipment	A
D	Experience in the laboratory	A
D	Experience and knowledge of maintaining laboratory equipment	A
E	Knowledge of general health and safety at work	A

SKILLS, ATTRIBUTES AND ABILITIES		
E	Be able to relate well to children and adults	A
E	Possess good written and spoken communication skills	A
E	Possess good organisational skills	A
D	Possess good administration skills	A
D	Be able to organise own workload	A

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS		
E	Be able to meet deadlines	A R
E	To have the physical ability to handle equipment	I
E	Possess a flexible attitude to work	A I R
E	To show commitment to equality of opportunity	A I
E	To be able to work effectively with teaching staff to support their role	I
E	To show commitment to continuing professional development	A R
E	Be able to carry out manual handling	A I
D	To show familiarity with health and safety procedures within science	I
E	Certificate of Good Conduct if you have lived outside the UK in the last 5 years for 3 months or more.	I

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"Since joining Leeds West Academy in December 2020, I have been given the opportunity to work in a variety of different roles as a Cover Supervisor, PE Technician and Student Support Officer. I feel like I always have a great chance to improve my skills through CPD offered within the school. I am proud to say I'm part of the Leeds West community."

Matty Downing, Student Support Officer

THE SELECTION PROCESS

HOW TO APPLY

Thank you for taking time to read and digest our information. If you wish to apply for this post with the White Rose Academies Trust, then you should;

- **Download and complete the WRAT application form.**
- Complete the application form **fully**, ensuring all details are accurate and all declarations are signed. Please ensure you enclose **two** professional referees, one being your current employer (with name and email addresses if possible).
- Ensure you fully complete the relevant skills and experience section of the form, addressing the key characteristics and experiences outlined in the **person specification**, along with details of the unique contribution that you could make to the future success of the White Rose Academies Trust. If you do not complete the personal statement section of the form, you will not be considered for the role. CVs cannot be accepted.
- **PLEASE NOTE THE REQUIREMENT TO ATTACH YOUR APPLICATION FORM AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT TO YOUR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FORM WHEN EMAILING YOUR APPLICATION TO US.**
- Submit your application by the deadline stated below. Late applications will not be considered.

TIMETABLE FOR THE SELECTION PROCESS

Closing date for applications: Monday 6th June 2022, 9am

Shortlisting: Monday 6th June 2022

Interview date: w/c 6th June 2022

Start date: As soon as possible

For more information, please visit our website at [White Rose Academies Careers](https://www.whiteroseacademies.org/careers).

To apply for this role please complete our application form and return to recruitment@whiteroseacademies.org by the closing date. Please note we are unable to accept CV's.

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STAFF BENEFITS

A HAPPY WORKFORCE IS A PRODUCTIVE ONE

We are delighted that you are considering applying for a role with the White Rose Academies Trust. In addition to highlighting this opportunity for you to work for a progressive, highly supportive and visionary trust, we also want to share with you a sample of the amazing benefits available to all staff.



Access to the Nuffield hospital. Staff have access to physiotherapy, counselling and appointments with medical specialists in a range of fields. Nuffield also offer discounted gym memberships and private medical plans to all our staff, as well as a FREE annual health check available in the academies (when possible).



All staff have access to a wide range of excellent CPD opportunities – including a new trust-wide CPD programme, attendance at national and international conferences, visits to 'Outstanding' academies/trusts nationally and formal qualifications up to Masters level.



Discounted monthly bus ticket, automated mobile ticket renewals, unlimited bus travel for work or leisure, price frozen for 12 months, tickets sent straight to your mobile, never worry about renewing your bus ticket again. If you lose your phone we can transfer your ticket to a new one.



The trust continues to support a wide number of colleagues in undertaking apprenticeships, undergraduate and post-graduate degrees and professional qualifications (e.g. CIMA).



The Local Government Pensions Scheme (LGPS) is a Statutory Scheme. This means that the rules of the scheme are issued by Parliament and have the force of law. The legal status of the pension scheme rules gives it a great deal of security.



We are part of the CycleScheme. Save money on a new bike and spread the cost. Visit their website for more information on how to sign up to this fantastic scheme.



Free parking for staff at all our academy locations.



TechScheme allows you to purchase the latest tech through your employer through salary sacrifice. What this means is that you can now spread the cost of tech products in up to 12 payments from your salary across a year, making a National Insurance saving of between 2 and 12%. There are over 5,000 tech products to choose from, from cameras to phones, tablets or game consoles.



"The last 6 years of my career have been spent supporting the learning of the Leeds West community. It gives me an immense sense of pride and privilege to witness how the students' resilience and independence grows. As a co-professional/ Teaching Assistant, I am given the opportunity to expand my knowledge and skills set through a bespoke CPD programme. I have also been supported through the process of undertaking a foundation degree and top up course which has reflected in professional practice. I am very proud to be a member of the LWA community, thriving from the support and guidance from my team, and the wider staff body as a whole."

Helen Ramsdale, Teaching Assistant

STAFF WELLBEING



The White Rose Academies Trust is made of outstanding professionals, whose daily commitment is matched only by the pride our students feel for their school and education. The future of our society is exciting, vibrant and safe in the hands of our students and staff.

We are committed to encouraging a positive working environment that promotes the physical and mental wellbeing of our staff. The capability, capacity and wellbeing of our colleagues is a priority for the trust. Therefore, we make every effort to address and meet our employee's health and wellbeing needs.



COLLEAGUE
RECOGNITION SCHEME

Several schemes operate across our academies where staff can recognise their colleagues for going above and beyond. Leeds City Academy have a great staff recognition system which is built around a system of gratitude/appreciation cards. This initiative encourages staff to submit positive feedback to their peers and allows all staff to be appropriately recognised for their hard work.



WELLBEING WEDNESDAY

Our academies have introduced Wellbeing Wednesday breakfast for all staff. Breakfast is available from 7.45am in the canteen.



MATERNITY
SUPPORT GROUP

This group is made up of colleagues across the trust who are on maternity leave. The aim of the group is to create a provision in which colleagues can receive support from one another, as well as the trust, during this exciting, yet possibly isolating time.



Access to the Nuffield hospital. Staff have access to physiotherapy, counselling and appointments with medical specialists in a range of fields. Nuffield also offer discounted gym memberships and private medical plans to all our staff, as well as a FREE annual health check available in the academies (where possible).

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Welcome to the White Rose Academies Trust.

We are an ambitious trust with very high aspirations for the children and diverse communities which we serve. Our values underpin everything we do and our compassionate approach is reflected in our students and how we all work together as one.

Our Board is made up of incredibly talented and inspiring people. With backgrounds and experience spanning the public and private sector, our members bring both strong business acumen and extensive education skills and knowledge.

We are focused on building the best environment for our academies to flourish and by providing excellent governance we aim to:

- ensure clarity of vision and strategic direction,
- hold executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation, its students and the performance of staff,
- oversee the financial performance of the organisation and make sure its money is well spent.

We are thrilled with the improvements and progress achieved by all our academies so far. Our rating of 'Good' by Ofsted, with Leeds City Academy also achieving 'Outstanding' for Leadership and Management is something we are incredibly proud of. We are also delighted to have welcomed our first primary school, Alder Tree Primary, to the trust. We know we have the right teams of professionals in our academies to take us further as we continue to grow the trust.

Board of Directors

OUR SHARED PURPOSE AS THE LUMINATE EDUCATION GROUP IS DEFINED THROUGH THE WORK OF ALL OUR STAFF EVERY DAY.

The White Rose Academies Trust is a member of Luminate Education Group.

Together, the academies (Leeds City Academy, Leeds East Academy, Leeds West Academy and Alder Tree Primary) provide education to almost 4,000 4-16 year olds in Leeds. The Trust employs over 500 staff and has an annual turnover of £23 million.

Luminate Education Group also consists of Harrogate College, Keighley College, Leeds City College, Leeds Conservatoire, Leeds Sixth Form College and University Centre. It is one of the largest education providers in the Yorkshire region, with over 30,000 students and 2,000 staff members, offering education from Early Years through to Higher Education. The members work together to provide the best opportunities and experiences for students that are aligned to local needs and inclusive for all. The group has now established itself as 'a leading voice in education, training and community transformation'.



WHITE ROSE ACADEMIES

"Our ambition is excellence.
Every child, every teacher,
everyone; outstanding."

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