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Our Values



All members of our college community will be given every opportunity to develop and achieve their full academic potential.



All members of our college community will contribute to ensuring that we provide a safe, secure and caring environment.



All members of our college community will celebrate the diversity of our community and celebrate our successes and achievements as one.



All members of our college community will demonstrate resilience at times of adversity.



All members of the college community will treat others with respect.



All members of the college community will be treated fairly.



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Team Wright Robinson is fully committed to inspiring its students to achieve academic excellence, good character and resilience. This will enable our students to be instrumental in contributing to and shaping British Society in an internationally competitive world.



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A WARM WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in working at Wright Robinson College. I am immensely proud to be Headteacher at the College. In our recent 2021 Ofsted report, we have maintained our 'Outstanding in all Areas' status from 2016. Visitors, and Ofsted comment on the exemplary behaviour demonstrated by our extremely courteous and respectful students and upon the calm and welcoming atmosphere here at Wright Robinson.



We are an 11-16 provision and place ourselves at the heart of the community, a college that prides itself on equipping our students with the knowledge and skills to influence an ever-changing, internationally competitive world.

Staff support, wellbeing and CPD is really important to us here at Wright Robinson which was reflected in our 2021 Ofsted report:

"Staff are exceptionally proud to work at Wright Robinson. They benefit extremely well from leaders' genuine desire to manage workload and care for their well-being. Leaders provide extensive opportunities for teachers to access subject training and to work collaboratively."

We have over half a century's experience in educating young people which is illustrated through our results in public examinations, where our students consistently perform at rates significantly higher than the expected norms.

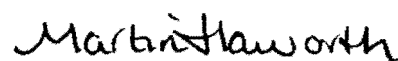
Students are taught by academic specialists with a passion for their subject, creating an environment where our students

believe that anything is achievable. We place great emphasis on creating leaders, whilst recognising the need to work co-operatively with others.

Our 'Team Ethos' permeates all aspects of college life, a life which here at Wright Robinson is so much more than what happens in the classroom. We seek applicants who can align with our culture of mutual respect, a positive outlook and a 'can-do' approach. The college has state of the art facilities creating, for staff and students alike, an attractive site and a pleasant working environment.

Our sporting successes are nationally renowned and our work in areas such as music, drama and art further enrich the student experience.

I am extremely pleased that you are interested in applying to work at Wright Robinson College and I look forward to receiving your application.



Martin Haworth
Headteacher



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Headteacher: Martin Haworth

Science Technician

Grade: 4 £25,584 - £27,269 FTE (Actual salary term-time only / part-time £10,720 - £11,427)

Start Date: September 2025

Contract: Part-time (0.5 FTE) (week 1 - two days per week / week 2 – three days per week). One year fixed term contract.

Apply by: 9:00am on Monday 24th February 2025

Wright Robinson College, an 11-16 school with an 'Outstanding' Ofsted rating, is seeking to appoint a Science Technician to join our large, supportive and successful science department. We are looking for applicants with the expertise and passion to enthuse our young people to achieve across KS3 and KS4. The science department are very forward thinking with evidence based teaching and learning at the forefront of everything they do. The role of Science Technician is key to supporting the delivery of our curriculum.

Wright Robinson College has been chosen as one of the UK's **Best Places to Work 2024**. The Sunday Times has revealed the [Best Places to Work](#) in the UK for 2024. This nationwide workplace survey honours and celebrates Britain's top employers and acknowledges the best workplaces for women, LGBTQIA+ community, disabled employees, ethnic minorities, younger and older workers, and wellbeing. Wright Robinson College is the only high school in the UK to be named as a Times Best Place to Work 2024.

Wright Robinson College has been an 'Outstanding School' in every area of the Ofsted Inspection Framework since 2016 and we were immensely proud that our continued 'Outstanding' status was confirmed again in our October 2021 inspection under the new framework. We are fully committed to continuing to further raise academic standards and attainment, across an academic curriculum.

Wright Robinson College is committed to staff development and if you join our team you will be based in a friendly and supportive school with a state-of-the-art building, providing access to the latest resources to facilitate learning. As well as offering you a competitive salary, and access to our BUPA Employee Assistance Programme, you will be provided with free access to on-site gym and pool facilities, a range of activities designed to support staff well-being and free on-site parking. Located one mile from the city centre, on the east side of Manchester, we are easily accessible through local and regional transport links. To read more about our employee benefits, please follow the link below:

<https://www.wrightrobinson.co.uk/Employee-benefits/>

Have you got the desire, experience and ambition to join our Team? If so, we would be delighted to hear from you. Informal enquiries can be directed to Ms Ward, Director of HR on 0161 370 5121.

For further information on the position, to see what our staff have to say about working for us and for details on how to apply, please follow the link below:

<https://www.wrightrobinson.co.uk/Vacancies-Teaching/>

All applications should be made via the TES website. We reserve the right to close this vacancy early if we receive sufficient applications for the role. Therefore, if you are interested, please submit your application as early as possible. Unfortunately, we are unable to contact all applicants who have not been shortlisted for interview. If you have been shortlisted, you will be contacted within one week of the closing date

Statement on Equality

We are an Equal Opportunities Employer and we positively welcome applications from candidates regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

Statement on Safeguarding

Wright Robinson College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. As such, all posts are subject to a safer recruitment process, including online checks and the disclosure of criminal records. It is an offence to apply for the role if the applicant is barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children. When appointing new staff, we will ask shortlisted candidates to complete a self-declaration of their criminal record and to provide any information that would deem them unsuitable to work with children.

Criminal Offences

All posts involving direct contact with children are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (Exemptions) Order 1974. However, amendments to the Exceptions Order 1975 (2013) provide that certain spent convictions and cautions are 'protected'. These are not subject to disclosure to employers, and cannot be taken into account. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these cautions and convictions can be found on the Disclosure and Barring Service website or at <http://hub.unlock.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/What-will-be-filtered-by-the-DBS.pdf>.

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to provide details of any convictions that would not be filtered, prior to the date of the interview. You may be asked for further information about your criminal history during the recruitment process. If your application is successful, this self-disclosure information will be checked against information from the Disclosure & Barring Service before your appointment is confirmed.

GDPR

A copy of our Privacy Notice is available on our website.



Headteacher: Martin Haworth

Science Technician: Job Description

<u>JOB TITLE</u>	Science Technician (0.5 FTE)
<u>SCALE/SALARY</u>	Grade 4
<u>RESPONSIBLE TO:</u>	Headteacher, Deputy Headteachers, Head of Faculty, Deputy Head of Faculty

JOB PURPOSE

To provide vital support for the provision of practical elements of learning in KS3 and 4 in all 3 science subjects. The duties will include preparation of materials, equipment and chemicals for lessons, maintenance of relevant machinery and equipment, constructing science apparatus and stock control. This is a varied role and would suit someone with laboratory experience and who is looking to develop their career as a technician. Training will be provided for the right candidate.

MAIN CONTACTS

Deputy Headteachers, Heads of Faculty, Teaching Staff, Support Staff and Students.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. To ensure the timely and accurate preparation and deployment of materials and equipment, as required by teaching staff for the teaching of the subject.
2. To ensure that science teaching areas are prepared and serviced in readiness for lessons.
3. To ensure that all apparatus and equipment from the teaching areas are cleared away when the lessons are completed, and ensure the teaching area is ready for the next lesson.
4. To ensure that apparatus/glassware is cleaned and stored away after use.
5. To provide specialist advice and guidance as required to other technicians from within the team.
6. To provide specialist support to assist the science teachers in delivery of their lessons in teaching areas, as and when required.
7. To ensure the safe and secure storage, handling, movement and disposal of all chemical and biological substances

8. To contribute to the planning, development and organisation of systems, procedures and policies within the Science Faculty.

9. To be aware of and comply with child protection procedures, health and safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting any concerns to the relevant member of staff.

10. To ensure the safe and secure storage of materials and teaching resources, ICT and AVA equipment.

11. To assist with monitoring, managing and the ordering of stock within an agreed budget, cataloguing resources and undertaking audits as required, ensuring that the science stock is kept fully up to date. This may require personal shopping visits for resources.

12. To ensure the cleanliness and tidiness in the teaching and preparation areas, in accordance with health and safety practices, and carry out health and safety checks in all teaching and preparation areas as required.

13. To be aware of COSHH and health and safety regulations, and bring to the attention of the Head of Faculty any areas of concern that may arise.

14. To assist with the training of other technicians in the faculty.

15. To be aware of new developments in areas of science and new equipment, and assist staff in the assessment and evaluation of new equipment needs prior to the developments of new expanded courses

16. To help prepare and cost, lists for requisition/orders

17. To undertake other reasonable duties as may be determined by the Headteacher.

The above list of job duties is not exclusive or exhaustive and the postholder will be required to undertake such tasks as may reasonably be expected within the scope and grading of the post.

Science Technician: Person Specification

AF – Application Form

SP – Selection Process

Specification	Essential/ Desirable	Method of Assessment
QUALIFICATIONS / PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A minimum of GCSE level qualifications or equivalent in a relevant science subject 	E	AF
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experience of working in a school or professional laboratory 	D	AF & SP
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to work as a member of a team and develop working relationships with colleagues, parents, governors and the community (as appropriate). 	E	AF & SP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Relevant Health and Safety training or a willingness to undertake training 	E	AF & SP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To be able to work constructively as part of a team, understanding school roles and responsibilities and your own position within these 	E	AF & SP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ability to work on your own initiative, whilst showing commitment and enthusiasm 	E	AF & SP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To communicate effectively and concisely both in verbal and written form to a variety of audiences. 	E	AF & SP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A positive attitude to broad aspects of school life and the ability to contribute to new initiatives and developments. 	E	AF & SP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excellent ICT skills 	E	AF & SP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High standard of personal organisation and the ability to meet deadlines. 	E	AF & SP
PERSONAL QUALITIES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High standards of self-motivation. 	E	AF & SP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A commitment to your own continuous professional development. 	E	AF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Personal commitment to the College's professional standards, including dress code, as appropriate. 	E	AF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The post will require an enhanced DBS clearance. 	E	SP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To promote Health & Safety, Safeguarding policies and Equality & Diversity across the Trust. 	E	AF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The flexibility to adapt to changing workloads demands and new school challenges 	E	AF



WHY WORK

FOR US?



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Staff Benefits



We have a wide range of employee benefits available to all of our staff in order to attract, retain and contribute towards improving wellbeing. We are always looking at ways in which we can improve our offering to ensure that our benefits are valuable to our staff.

Pension

On joining Wright Robinson, we automatically enrol you into one of our workplace pension schemes, either the Teachers' Pension Fund (TP) or the Local Government Pension Fund (LGPF). Once you are enrolled you will commence paying into your pension via automatic payments from your monthly pay and the Trust will also contribute to your pension. Public sector pensions are renowned for being far better investments than private pensions.

Research day

Each academic year, all staff are entitled to a research day to be taken on a day of their choice.

Positive work environment

An established Pastoral System led by staff who do not have a teaching commitment is in place with a fully embedded Behaviour Policy and rewards system as well as a dedicated and specialist staff network. This has led to an exceptionally positive and rewarding working environment and culture with exemplary student attitudes to learning.

Occupational Health

The Occupational Health Service provides advice and support to all Trust staff focusing on the promotion of health and wellbeing and prevention of ill health at work.

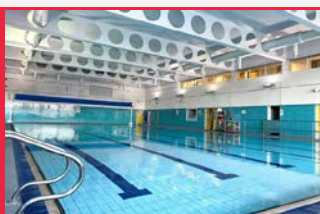
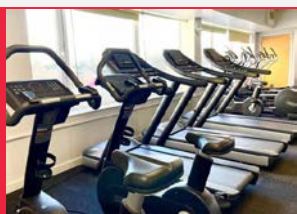
Family friendly support

Enhanced family leave is available to support our staff with family commitments and to maintain a work-life balance. We also consider all applications for flexible working.

Employee Assistant Programme (BUPA)

Face-to-face and/or telephone counselling - up to eight sessions for all employees via BUPA (external confidential provider) and access to a 24/7 health line. Some of the topics that an expert can support with are:

- stress
- bereavement
- coping with change
- financial worries
- anxiety and depression
- substance misuse
- family issues.



CPD/Staff development

We have a strong programme of staff CPD which includes the 'Let's Develop' newsletter published half-termly to all staff. As further professional learning is at the heart of what we do, we provide a comprehensive range of externally accredited programmes and in-house learning and development opportunities to staff at any stage in their career. We also have regular staff promotion opportunities.

Early Careers Teachers (ECT) Programme

The provision for Early Career Teachers is extensive and goes beyond statutory provision. All ECTs are allocated trained subject and professional mentors and in-house bespoke development programme supports development for the full two years. Sessions are tailored to individual staff needs and time is allocated for mentor meetings.

Mental Health First Aiders

We have qualified Mental Health First Aiders in college offering support to anyone who may need it or in the event of a mental health crisis. Mental Health First Aiders are trained to spot the early signs of poor mental health and appropriately sign-post towards treatment and other sources of support.

Wellbeing HUB

Our Wellbeing HUB is home to information regarding health & wellbeing support services available to all staff. We have a member of staff dedicated to wellbeing and the HUB includes information about signposting, Wellbeing Champions, Mental Health awareness, online learning, toolkits, workshops, guidance information and more. All staff are able to access the Headspace app for free.

We take a proactive approach to staff wellbeing by a number of workload reduction strategies including: reduction of meeting times, calendared work-life balance slots, teaching staff do not take detentions, reduction in data drops and we also employ internal cover supervisors to reduce the pressure of lesson cover for absence.

State of the art facilities with On-site gym & swimming pool

All staff can use the on-site gym and swimming pool out of college hours. We also offer fitness classes and sports events/competitions for staff to enjoy.

Cycle to work scheme

Through the Cycle to Work scheme, eligible staff can purchase a new bike paid for through a salary sacrifice arrangement, significant savings in income tax and NI can be made for the employee. We also provide secure cycle parking for staff.

Free on-site car parking

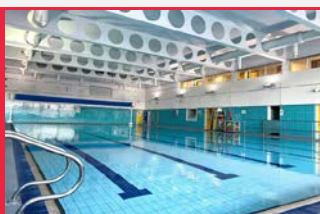
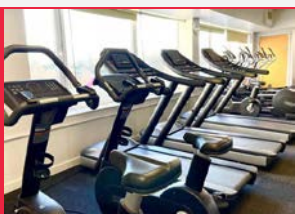
We have a large secure staff car park on the college grounds which is free for staff to use. We also have accessible parking available.

Long-service recognition

Recognition for long service anniversaries.

On-site canteen

All staff have access to an affordable onsite canteen.



Awards and external recognition



At the 2022 North West Educate Awards, held at Liverpool Cathedral, Wright Robinson College were presented with the Award for 'Outstanding Commitment to Sport in a Secondary School'.

It is fantastic to have received the award as recognition for all of the hard work that takes place at the college on a daily basis. The college has an extensive Physical Education and extra-curricular sporting programme, promoting a lifelong passion for physical activity and sport in young people whilst providing a wealth of opportunities for our community here in Greater Manchester.

Big Health 2022

Wright Robinson College was awarded 1st place in the Manchester Healthy Schools 'The Big Health Challenge 2022'. This year's theme was 'What are you as a school community doing to promote positive health & wellbeing with next year's year 7'.



The Goldsmiths' Community Engagement Award 2022



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Wright Robinson College was named as the Silver Award winner of The Goldsmiths' Company Awards for Community Engagement 2022. Created in 2018, the prestigious awards celebrate the unsung work of students going above and beyond to support local communities through volunteer work and charitable initiatives that are overlooked in exam and test results.

SENDIA

Wright Robinson College has received the SEND Inclusion Award (SENDIA). The SENDIA is awarded to schools who deliver high-quality education for pupils with SEND. Compliant with the SEND Code of Practice, the award framework focuses on removing barriers to learning through early identification, inclusive teaching and leadership. The college has fully evaluated impact in order to improve classroom practice and pupil outcomes.



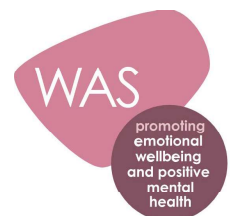
EPDA

Wright Robinson College has received the Excellence in Pupil Development Award (EPDA). This award offers a structured framework to evaluate and enrich our pastoral curriculum. The award evidences that the college is successful in developing pupil's personal attributes and attitudes, such as self-confidence, resilience and self-discipline and preparing pupils for life in modern Britain.



WAS

Wright Robinson College has received the Wellbeing Award for Schools (WAS). This award focuses on changing the long-term culture of the whole school. Using an evidence-based framework to drive change, it helps schools to deliver staff and pupil wellbeing, review staff training and revise school policies. This award is evidence that that mental health and wellbeing sit at the heart of life at Wright Robinson.



School Games Platinum 2021/22 - 2022/23

In July 2022, Wright Robinson College was one of only 3 Greater Manchester Schools who were awarded the Platinum School Games Mark.



NWCPEA (North West Counties PE Association)

Wright Robinson College has been awarded the Gill Parry Best Practice in PE Award 2021.

The PE department developed the 'My mind my body' to increase awareness of the importance of physical activity on the mind and body, with a focus on the physical, mental and social benefits.



OFSTED REPORT

OUTCOME

Wright Robinson College was inspected in October 2021 and continues to be an outstanding school.



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WHAT IS IT LIKE TO ATTEND THIS SCHOOL?

Pupils are proud to be part of this exceptional school. They are adamant that it is a safe, happy and harmonious place to learn. Pupils thoroughly enjoy coming to school to learn. They say, ‘Every aspect of school life is about teamwork.’

All pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), achieve exceptionally well. The ambitious curriculum motivates and engages pupils to work extremely hard. Staff have very high expectations of each of them.

Pupils concentrate fully on their learning. They relish the opportunity to master new challenges. Pupils are highly appreciative of the learning opportunities that teachers provide. Pupils are fiercely proud of their successes.

Behaviour is exemplary. Pupils are extremely courteous and respectful. Pupils of all ages get along exceedingly well. They are accepting of each other’s differences. Pupils have no concerns about bullying. They said that it would be ‘out of the ordinary’. Should any bullying occur, pupils are confident that teachers will ‘shut it down immediately’.

Pupils spoke with great pride about the extensive range of leadership, charitable and enrichment opportunities on offer. They delight in developing new skills and in finding new ways to contribute to the wider community. Pupils develop into highly confident, articulate and responsible young adults who are ready to ‘shine’ in the world.

WHAT DOES THE SCHOOL DO WELL AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO DO BETTER?

Leaders, governors and trustees have created a distinctive school with a clear purpose. They are deeply committed to ensuring that every pupil can flourish, irrespective of their personal circumstances. A culture of high aspirations and a can-do approach to learning pervade the school.

