



Ballymena Academy

Science Technician 2

Ballymena Academy, established in 1828, is a successful and forward-looking, co-educational, non-denominational Voluntary Grammar School with an enrolment of 1200 pupils, including more than 300 pupils in Sixth Form. The Board of Governors is the employing authority and the school is funded directly by the Department of Education. There are over 80 members of the teaching staff and additional appropriate support staff.

The school has earned its reputation for high standards of attainment by its pupils, with our young people achieving excellent examination results which are well in excess of N.I. Grammar School averages at GCSE and 'A' Level. The focus is to realise the Mission Statement: 'Ballymena Academy Cares for the Individual and Inspires Learning and Achievement'.

The Board of Governors seeks to appoint a Term-time, Permanent Science Technician from December 2021, or as early as possible thereafter. Details of the post and an Application Form are available from the school website:

<https://www.ballymenaacademy.org.uk/>

Information about the Appointment

The Science Technician will provide technical support and assistance to teaching staff in the implementation of the school's/department's educational programme.

This is a term-time, permanent appointment – 30 hours per week, times to be negotiated.

Remuneration will be in the region of NJC pts 5 – 6; £19,312 – 19,698 per annum pro rata.

Job Description

The post includes the following responsibilities:

PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES AND PRACTICAL RESOURCES

- Assist teaching staff in the development and manufacture of teaching aids and models.
- Preparation of resources for all classes including the setting up, testing, demonstration and dismantling of suitable resources as per agreed schemes of work.
- Collect, clean and store all equipment and materials securely in designated storage areas.
- Ensure items are maintained in a state of 'ready for use'.
- Dispose of used materials in a safe and approved manner.
- Ensure that mandatory and/or statutory checks of materials and equipment are carried out by qualified personnel.
- Inform designated line manager of materials and equipment found to be in an unsatisfactory/unsafe condition and arrange for repair and disposal of such items.
- Ensure no unauthorised person has unsupervised access to equipment and materials when not in use.
- Advise on health and safety issues in relation to the use of equipment.

ADMINISTRATION

- Development, maintenance and operation of manual and/or computerised systems in relation to administrative tasks associated with the area of work.
- Maintenance of an inventory/records of departmental resources.
- Assistance in the ordering/purchasing, receiving, checking, storing and distribution of resources.

GENERAL

- Support all staff in ensuring the general safety of pupils.
- Assist with evacuation in emergencies.
- Undertake photocopying as required.

OTHER DUTIES

- Such other duties as may be assigned within the level of the post.

The Job Description may be subject to amendment or modification from time to time, following consultations with the holder of the post, to meet the changing needs of the school.

Criteria for the Appointment

The person appointed to this post must be able to demonstrate by means of his/her application and, if short-listed, the responses he/she makes to the questions asked at interview that he/she meets the following criteria.

(a) Essential Criteria:

Qualifications

- Minimum GCSE A*-C in Mathematics and English Language or level 2 equivalent.
- GCSE Grade A*-C in GCSE Science or other level 2 equivalent.
- Good ICT skills.

Skills/Abilities

- Organisational skills
- Good interpersonal skills
- Ability to work on own initiative
- Sound ability in ICT including confident use of Word and Excel.

Personal Qualities

- Ability and willingness to work as part of a team and contribute to areas beyond the work of the Science department.
- Good record of punctuality and attendance.

(b) Desirable Criteria:

- Hold a minimum of 'A' level Biology/Chemistry/Physics grade A* - E.
- Hold a third level qualification in a Science subject.
- Experience of using Microsoft Word, Excel and email.
- A minimum of 3 months' experience working as a Science Technician in a school.
- A good record of attendance in any previous employment.
- Experience of working unsupervised on own initiative.

Knowledge and Skills (will be assessed at interview)

- Knowledge of the requirements of Technician 2.
- Knowledge of Health and Safety regulations and requirements in a school environment.
- Knowledge of general administrative processes and records.

Personal Qualities (will be assessed at interview)

- References reflecting good communication and social skills.
- Able to work with children and adults.
- Professional manner.
- Ability to work under pressure to strict deadlines.
- Flexibility.
- Confidentiality.
- Approachability.

All appointments to Ballymena Academy are subject to the provisions of the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (NI) Order 2003, and the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) Order (NI) 1979. Applicants must disclose any convictions, spent or unspent or any charges outstanding. A security check is carried out. This appointment procedure is in keeping with Department of Education regulations on Child Protection.

The appointment process is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 30th November**. Applicants who are shortlisted will be informed on Tuesday 23rd November.

Returning your Application Form and Monitoring Form

Completed Application and Monitoring Forms must be returned by the specified closing time and date using one of the following methods:

- post
- hand delivery
- e-mail

Completed Application Forms must be received by 12.00 noon on the closing date (Monday 22nd November). Late, or faxed, Application Forms will not be accepted.

If posting or e-mailing an Application Form, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is received by the closing time/date.

Please ensure that when e-mailing the Application Form that the subject line is completed with the Job Title as indicated on the Application Form.

For posted applications, please ensure that the correct postage for the weight and size (including thickness) of the envelope is adhered to in order to ensure that the application is received by the closing time/date.

Address (Postal/hand delivery):

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