

# **THE KING'S SCHOOL IN MACCLESFIELD**



## **TRAINEE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN**

### **FURTHER DETAILS AND PERSON SPECIFICATION**

#### **THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT**

In September 2020, the school relocated to new purpose-built facilities on our new state-of-the-art campus on the edge of Macclesfield and Prestbury. There are 15 Science laboratories situated over the three floors of the Science Department with four preparation rooms.

There are currently 15 Science teachers, with four experienced Science Technicians.

#### **THE VACANCY**

This part-time post will be primarily based in the Chemistry and General Science Departments, and is available from September 2021. The successful applicant should have strong organisational skills and ideally some basic science qualifications, as they will need to be flexible to support the teaching of Science across the Foundation to enable the smooth running of practicals whilst maintaining a safe working environment. The post would be suitable for a school leaver, someone returning to work after a parenting break, or a person looking for a career change. Ongoing training and support will be provided for the successful candidate with a view to them acquiring the skills necessary to perform their duties unsupervised and being upgraded to Technician status.

The post is a challenging one and requires the organisation and preparation of practical materials for classes from Years 7 to 11, with the opportunity to get involved with Science Clubs, outreach programmes and promotional events. In addition, Technicians are responsible for the maintenance of laboratory and departmental stocks and ordering equipment. The Trainee Science Technician will work during term-time, approximately 37 weeks (plus 15 equivalent additional days during the holidays) for 22.5 hours per week. The pattern of how these hours are worked is negotiable and will be discussed at interview. There is a very strong team of Technicians at King's and it is vital that the new appointment fits into the existing team.

## **SALARY AND CONDITIONS**

The salary for this post will be in the region of £9,416 per annum rising to £10,066 following a successful probationary period (usually six months), based on working 22.5 hours per week term-time plus pro rata amount of days outside of term. Candidates should note that all appointments are subject to a routine check with the DBS.

The school has a strong commitment to professional development and it is a condition of employment that all members of staff participate in any scheme of appraisal, review and professional development currently operating in the school.

Children of members of staff, subject to passing the entrance exam and the availability of places, may be educated at King's with a substantial, assessed discount from the Junior Department to the Senior Divisions. We are a non-smoking establishment and an equal opportunities employer.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

## **APPLICATIONS**

If you wish to discuss the post, informally, with the Senior Technician, Mr Peter Jackson, please telephone 01625 260000.

Your completed Application Form should be sent to Human Resources ([staffvacancies@kingsmac.co.uk](mailto:staffvacancies@kingsmac.co.uk)) as soon as possible, so that we receive it no later than **9.00 am on Monday 21st June 2021**. The school prefers the form to be completed electronically. It is available from the school's website: [www.kingsmac.co.uk](http://www.kingsmac.co.uk).

We hope to interview for this post during the week commencing **Monday 21st June**.

Further particulars of the school and the selection process will be sent to short-listed candidates.

Thank you for your application and for your interest in the King's School. We regret that we can only write to those candidates short-listed and are unable to provide tours of the school until the interview stage. If you have not heard from us within two weeks of the closing date, please assume that your application has been unsuccessful.

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