



## Assistant Biology Technician

£21,410 - £23,000 per annum

We require a committed and enthusiastic assistant technician to join the Biology Department. The successful candidate will play a crucial role in supporting learning through the preparation and maintenance of apparatus and materials for the teachers and pupils. Relevant training or experience of working in a school or laboratory environment is desirable, but not essential, in addition to an interest in biological sciences. This position may appeal to somebody entering a technician role for the first time, or an experienced technician looking for a fresh challenge, in addition to a teacher wishing to return into a school environment following leave.

The role of assistant technician is varied, from preparing resources and setting out practicals, to looking after the animals and plants within the department. An understanding of the fundamentals of the GCSE (AQA) and A Level Biology (Edexcel) courses would be beneficial.

This role comes with the enhanced benefit of 10.8 weeks paid holiday (taken during College holidays).

Applicants seeking further details of the post may wish to contact the Head of Biology, Dr Malcolm Grohmann on [mgrohmann@cliftoncollege.com](mailto:mgrohmann@cliftoncollege.com)

### About Us

Clifton College is a leading independent day and boarding school educating over 1,200 pupils aged 3 to 18. Founded in 1862, the College provides an all-round education, a rich heritage with modern state-of-the-art facilities. Located in the beautiful suburb of Clifton, we lead the way as one of the best independent schools in the country.

### Primary duties

- Prepare apparatus and chemicals for class practical's and teacher demonstrations using Lablogger to view orders
- Clearing away promptly after lessons, cleaning and storing apparatus as necessary including the scrapping of redundant items of equipment and the safe disposal of unwanted chemicals
- Making up chemical solutions of accurate concentrations as necessary
- Maintaining stocks of apparatus and stationery items in laboratories.
- Maintaining clean and tidy Prep rooms and laboratories.
- Ensure the Biology floor is secure at the end of the day (on a rota)
- Be able to service/repair equipment as the need arises and take on minor roles, e.g.: PAT testing, fume cupboard testing,
- Attending departmental meetings as appropriate
- Helping assist the Senior Biology technician with up-to-date record keeping including the departments electronic risk assessments
- Assist with the collection of photocopying when required



- Helping with displays and exhibitions
- To work to 6.15pm on certain days according to rota
- To work 1 in 3 Saturday mornings according to rota, termtime only, and also to work Commem

The role requires close liaison with the teaching team and Head of Department with a safety-aware and safety-first approach at all times.

## **About You**

### **Key Qualifications**

#### Essential:

- GCSE (or equivalent) Biology, Maths and English.

### **Knowledge Required**

#### Essential:

- Working knowledge of laboratory practices and practical Biology

#### Desirable:

- Knowledge of CLEAPSS, risk assessments, PAT testing and experience of working in an educational establishment

### **Skills Required**

#### Essential:

- Able to work alone or as part of a team
- The candidate must be well-organised
- Address issues promptly if they arise
- Able to use IT to manage stock, read email, etc.

#### Desirable:

- Good interpersonal skills

### **Attitude and Personality:**

- Able to work under pressure
- Able to work well individually or as a team player





### **What's in it for you?**

£21,410 – £23,000 per annum salary • 10.8 weeks paid holiday • Free Holiday Club • Free lunch • Onsite gym membership with swimming pool • Pension scheme & Life Assurance • Cycle to work scheme • Confidential counselling • Employee Assistance • Opportunities for career development Pop Up Bicycle Servicing • Wellbeing Week

### ***How we Recruit and our commitment to Safeguarding***

*Clifton College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. That's why we apply robust selection principles to our recruitment, in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE).*

*If you're invited to interview, you'll be asked to complete an application form (but it's OK if you want to send us your CV too). Although not all the roles at Clifton College are pupil-facing, we treat all roles as regulated activity. This means we can be safe in the knowledge that we have applied the most stringent recruitment checks to safeguard our pupils.*

*Due to the nature of the role, you will need to complete an enhanced criminal record disclosure (DBS check) and undergo our pre-employment screening. As a regulated sector we are required to ask for references prior to interview. By applying for this role, you are consenting for us to contact your referees. This role is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 therefore you will be asked to disclose all previous convictions not exempt under amendments to the Exceptions Order 1975, 2013 and 2020.*

*If you join us, we will provide regular training on Safeguarding, Equality & Diversity and Health & Safety legislation to ensure that you maintain an up-to-date knowledge of these areas.*

### ***Equal Opportunities***

*Applications are welcome from all suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age or disability. We particularly encourage applications from under-represented groups. Clifton College is committed to equality of opportunity for all staff and applications from individuals are encouraged regardless of age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and marriage and civil partnerships.*

### ***How to apply***

*In the first instance, send us your CV or a completed application form. If you submit your CV and you're invited to interview, we'll ask you to complete an application form at this stage, which is a key requirement of Safer Recruitment within Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE)*