



AMERY HILL SCHOOL

Education for Life

Senior Science Technician

Reports To	Head of Science
Contract Term	Permanent
Salary	Grade D: £23,615-£25,982 (£26,918-£29,616 FTE) Pay award pending
Hours	37 hours per week, Monday to Friday - term time plus one week (40 weeks)
Start Date	01 January 2026 or as soon as possible
Closing Date	03 November 2025



Welcome from Rob Jeckells, Headteacher



A very warm welcome to Amery Hill School - a thriving and welcoming learning community which is proud to serve the town of Alton and its surrounding villages. Amery Hill School is a very popular, fully inclusive secondary school where excellence and high aspirations permeate every aspect of school life. Every student is valued as an individual and, whatever their goals, staff are there to support, nurture and assist them along their journey to success. Our motto, 'Education for Life', underpins all that we do.

Our vision is to provide a welcoming and supportive learning community where all students are encouraged to become independent, creative, active and resilient learners with the empathy to respond responsibly and morally to the challenges of this ever-changing world. As the Headteacher of Amery Hill School, I am motivated by a sense of the absolute importance of what schools do and a conviction that education should be inspiring and enjoyable. I am delighted you are interested in applying for this position and joining our school community.

Delivering our Vision, for Every Child, Every Day

We aim for academic excellence and achievement for all of our students. We inspire and develop a genuine love of learning through the dedication of our staff in creating an ambitious educational environment that is exciting and accessible to all. This is supported by a wide range of extra-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities for students to explore and deepen their own interests.

We work hard to identify and enhance each student's strengths, focussing attention on personal development so that their time at Amery Hill is not just about a journey to academic success but also one of self-understanding. Our aim is that on leaving Amery Hill our students can think, learn and cope independently so that they have the confidence to seize life's opportunities and make a real contribution to the communities where they live and work.



Investing in our Staff

We recognise that our staff are our greatest asset and we are committed to providing a comprehensive CPD programme for all. Inspirational teaching and support for our students is core to delivery of our vision and we actively encourage every member of staff to continue their learning by participating in our Professional Learning Groups (PLGs) through which they will conduct research on pedagogy, trial its usefulness and embed its practices to ensure that we stay at the forefront of educational thinking, innovation and enquiry.



Staff wellbeing is equally important to us and we have a number of wellbeing initiatives to provide a supportive work environment. In doing so, we acknowledge that the needs of staff change over time and are committed to allowing staff to balance their working lives with their personal needs and responsibilities.

We would welcome informal visits ahead of application which can be arranged with our HR Officer, Mrs Percy, at recruitment@ameryhill.school or on 01420 81307. We look forward to welcoming you to the truly inspiring learning community; come and see how our approach provides every student with an 'Education for Life'.

Job Profile: Senior Science Technician

An exciting opportunity has arisen at Amery Hill School for a Senior Science Technician. We require an enthusiastic and experienced person to provide effective & efficient support to the Science Department. We are ideally looking for someone with good knowledge of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

If you are a motivated individual with the ability to be a team player and show initiative, we would like to hear from you.

If you require any further information please contact Natalie Percy on 01420 81307 or email recruitment@ameryhill.school and we would be delighted to discuss this role in more detail.

Reports To	Head of department
Role Purpose	To provide and manage technical services for the Science Department
Role Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have an overall responsibility for the Prep. Rooms• To Line manage the technician• To manage the overall technical service to the department• To liaise with the Head of Science regarding the expenditure of the department's yearly budget• To liaise with suppliers/contractors• To be responsible for handling/signing orders, invoices, delivery notes• To check stock levels and re-ordering as appropriate including raising any necessary requisitions, placing orders via the Finance Department• To maintain up-to-date stock records across the department• To oversee the maintenance of the department's practical resources, ensuring their safe organisation and storage• To be responsible for ensuring the appropriate person or authority carries out that routine safety checks and keep an up-to-date log• To ensure that equipment is supplied and removed from teaching rooms on time• To be responsible for the safe preparation, or to oversee the safe preparation of, more hazardous materials in accordance with the relevant Health & Safety/statutory regulations• To be responsible for the safe disposal of, or overseeing the safe disposal of hazardous materials/substances including chemical and microbiological waste in accordance with Health & Safety/statutory guidelines, contacting the relevant external agencies as necessary• To attend department meetings• Advise teaching staff on technical requirements of the curriculum including trialling, selecting equipment, and providing costings• To be responsible for knowing and keeping up to date with any Health & Safety information, statutory regulations, COSHH, CLEAPPS, SYCetc• To be responsible for the general safety and security of the prep rooms including holding any keys etc• To be responsible for ensuring that all confidential information relating to exam papers, staff references and personal files are dealt with in accordance with the Data Protection Act

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To research and provide technical development for teachers and other staff in their area of technical expertise <p>General Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be aware of the responsibility for personal health, safety and welfare and that of others who may be affected by your actions or inactions Cooperate with the employer on all issues to do with health, safety and welfare Support the school's implementation of all other current statutory requirements including GDPR Act as a Fire Marshall <p>Continuing Professional Development – Personal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively pursue own personal development and take full advantage of training provided Maintain a professional portfolio of evidence to support the Appraisal process - evaluating and improving own practice Participate in new initiatives and future changes in service delivery improvements to support the objectives of the school <p>Undertake such duties as may be considered appropriate in line with the needs of the school</p>
Skills and Experience	<p>Essential Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed knowledge of Health and Safety legislation including COSHH and ESCC regulations in relation to the safe handling and storage of chemicals Knowledge of safe working practices in relation to the handling and usage of hazardous equipment and tools Good oral and written communication skills General IT skills Knowledge of basic scientific principles Understanding of science laboratory practices and procedures Ability to work well independently and as part of team Good organisational skills with the ability to work flexibly, adapt to different projects and requests and work to tight deadlines Knowledge and understanding of the education sector and/or experience of working within a school environment would be desirable
Qualifications and Training	A good level of general education including GCSE, (grade A-C), or equivalent, in maths and English. A level in physics, biology or chemistry or BTEC in science or equivalent while not necessary, would be an advantage.
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Additional Information	This job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. It sets out the duties of the post at the time it was drawn up. Such duties may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the duties and the level of responsibility entailed. Such variations are a common occurrence and cannot themselves justify a reconsideration of the grading of the post.

Further Information

Safeguarding

This role will involve contact with children. Amery Hill School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. We follow a strict safer recruitment process and carry out a number of pre-employment checks, including enhanced DBS checks. All applicants are required to declare any criminal convictions, cautions or disciplinary proceedings related to young people and must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Services. Full details are given on the application form.

Application Process

Please click on the 'Apply' button on the vacancy advert on the My New Term portal. A Curriculum Vitae (CV) is not required and will, therefore, not be considered within the short-listing process.

Applications will be considered in the order in which they are received and in instances of high volumes of applications received, we reserve the right to close a vacancy earlier than the advertised date if we receive applications that meet the criteria. Once a vacancy has closed, we are unable to consider further applications, so please submit your application as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Amery Hill School is committed to ensuring that the privacy of applicants and employees is protected. The School Privacy Notice sets out how the school uses and protects any personally identifiable information that is collected as part of the recruitment process.

If you have any queries about the recruitment process, please contact our HR Officer, Mrs Percy, at recruitment@ameryhill.school or on 01420 81307.



Equal Opportunities

Amery Hill School is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from appropriately qualified persons from all backgrounds. We are dedicated to creating and sustaining an environment that values individuality and difference and celebrates the diversity of both staff and students by fostering perseverance, tolerance and integrity. We believe in equal opportunity for everyone, irrespective of age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation or socio-economic background. Candidates will be assessed against relevant criteria only (i.e. skills, qualifications, abilities, experience) in selection and recruitment.



Staff Benefits of Working at Amery Hill School

Amery Hill School enjoys a very positive working environment and staff often dedicate their whole careers to the school. We also pride ourselves, however, on developing individuals and moving them on to promoted posts both within and outside the school through a comprehensive Continuing Professional Development programme. Like all education institutions we demand a great deal from those who are employed here but in return we provide a caring atmosphere within which to work. Amery Hill School is committed to promoting high levels of health and wellbeing and recognises the importance of identifying and reducing workplace stressors.

The benefits include:

- Generous employer contributions to both The Teachers' Pension Plan and to the Hampshire Local Government Pension Plan
- Access to a free and strictly confidential counselling support line and face to face sessions if deemed appropriate for both employees and their immediate family
- Access to free eye tests and to the cost of glasses if, as a result of the examination, it is considered necessary by the optician that glasses be worn for display screen work
- Opportunities for overseas travel during our extensive programme of school visits
- Staff sporting events
- Whole staff social events
- Free tea and coffee available in a large and well-equipped staff room



AMERY HILL SCHOOL

Staff Workload and Wellbeing Charter

OUR PROMISE

We will endeavour to ensure that the workload and wellbeing of all our staff will remain a priority as we try and support all colleagues to balance the demands of their jobs with those of home. We recognise that in everyone's life there will be good and bad times and therefore it is everyone's responsibility to support each other through both.

CULTURE



The culture of trust and professionalism is critical in ensuring we have an enjoyable and rewarding working environment in which all colleagues believe the demands of their job are reasonable and manageable. We ask all leaders to set a good example in how they behave and that they will try and reduce levels of stress and anxiety across the community. External professional support is available to those who need it.

DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING



The school will continue to explore ways in which technology can reduce the workload involved in data collection. Currently the school requires three data captures a year, which range from inputting one to three pieces of data. Only in one data capture is a summative comment required by the teacher and tutor.

WORKLOAD



The school supports the principal of 1265 directed hours for teaching staff and contracted hours for support staff. Where a colleague is not required to attend a particular event, for reasons such as not teaching a particular year group, they will not be given directed work to do. All decisions are made considering the impact on staff workload across the school; this is shared openly and with transparency.

EMAILS AND COMMUNICATIONS



There is no expectation for staff to read or respond to emails out of normal working hours and our policy states that they should not be sent between the hours of 6pm and 8am. To reduce emails, we have two staff briefings a week which are recorded and a weekly all staff bulletin (Friday). Staff are asked, where possible, not to send whole school emails and not to use the 'reply all' function.

LESSON PLANNING



Teaching staff will not be required to submit daily or weekly lesson plans. The use of Google Suite by each department will ensure resources and schemes of work are shared and ease collaboration. Department Professional Working Groups will focus on specific areas of pedagogy and practice to aid staff in supporting student learning.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND APPRAISAL



Investing in our most valuable asset, our staff is essential in creating a thriving school community. A fully planned internal CPD programme focusses on areas of SIP and our DIPs. New Staff, ECT, Aspiring Middle Leaders courses run each year as well as opportunities to follow the NPQ programmes.

MARKING AND FEEDBACK



As a school we only require one piece of formal marking and feedback each half term from each department in each class that is taught (Summative). Each subject will decide how weekly marking (Formative) will help inform their teaching and student progression. We mark less in terms of the number of pieces but with greater impact.

FLEXIBLE WORKING AND WELLBEING



We fully appreciate that colleagues across the school at times need to make some difficult decisions around home and work. Wherever possible we will try and support colleagues who need to attend immediate family events and personal appointments during the school day as well as considering flexible working for those who request it.

