Food Technician

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| **Salary** | Actual salary £16,308-£16,656 (FTE £24,816-£25,346) |
| **Working hours** | Term time only, 27.5 hours per week, 9.00am-3.00pm (with half hour unpaid break) to include INSET days. |
| **Start Date** | As soon as possible. |

If you would like further information about the role or an informal chat, please contact the Mrs Richardson, Assistant Headteacher either by telephone call 01256 322691 or email rebecca.richardson@aldworth.hants.sch.uk

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| 28 March 2025 | WC 31 March 2025 |

***The Blue Coat School, Basingstoke is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.***

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**The Blue Coat School**

The Blue Coat School joined the South Farnham Educational Trust and is the second, secondary school alongside Brighton Hill School. As such, we are in a great position to be at the forefront of educational developments to provide the best possible school experience for our students.

There is a strong sense of community within the school and a real desire amongst staff to grow and develop our teaching and provision. We are committed to ensuring a truly inclusive, enjoyable and successful school environment for all children.

Every student has a place in our school and the team are committed to high standards and expectations in every aspect of our work. We aim to grow and develop as a school community to meet these expectations which will best prepare our students for a successful and happy life after their journey with us.

**Food Technician**

An opportunity has arisen for a food technician to join us at The Blue Coat School. The role will be to support the Food Teachers both in the classroom assisting students but also behind the scenes with keeping the room and equipment tidy, clean and ready to use. We would also require the candidate to go shopping for food ingredients on a weekly basis and keep the pantry well stocked and tidy.

**Candidates**

We are looking for a practical, hands-on and personable individual. The candidate will have an interest in food preparation and cooking. Previous experience of working in a school is not essential. We are a friendly department and looking for someone to be part of our team, enthusiastic and positive in their outlook, dedicated to supporting students in the food room and willing to work hard.

Food hygiene and first aid training will be provided.

The school actively encourages applicants from a range of backgrounds and is proud of the diversity of the staff.

The Blue Coat School is committed to safeguarding young people and we ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All appointments are subject to full safeguarding checks, including an enhanced DBS check. Any candidates selected for interview will be subject to an online search as part of our due diligence checks. The school reserves the right to close the position early on receipt of a strong application, so if you are interested we would urge you to apply sooner rather than later.

To apply, please complete the SFET Support Staff Application form (available on our website) and send by email to recruitment@aldworth.hants.sch.uk

For further information or enquiries, please use the above email address or contact us on 01256 322691.

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

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| **Key Duties and Responsibilities** |
|  | * During Food technology practical lessons (teacher present), support students with following instructions, measuring, food preparation, cookery and washing up. Report any concerns with student behaviour or safety to the teacher in charge.
* Keep the pantry and store rooms clean, tidy and well stocked.
* Keep the food classroom clean and tidy. Students will wash up themselves but some items still need to be put through the dishwasher and items put back in the correct place.
* Undertake food ingredient shopping as required. A school credit card will be allocated for purchasing and the role will include admin associated with this, monthly coding and scanning receipts to the finance system. Support will be provided by the Finance Office.
* Ensure aprons / tea towels are washed / tumble dried regularly.
* Undertake inventory checking of equipment as required.
* In consultation with the Food Teacher prepare orders for replacement equipment, routine cleaning items etc and send to finance for processing. Ensure orders received are checked off and put away, reporting any damages or non-delivery.
* To undertake training related to the role – including level 2 food hygiene & first aid training. To also undertake any statutory training as required for all staff in respect of safeguarding and health & safety.
* Weekly checking of the school’s Food Bank room to ensure fridges / freezers at the correct temperature, ensure room is clean and tidy and report any issues to the relevant staff member in charge.
* On occasions assisting with other tasks in the department or school, for example Open evening display boards.

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| **Other Duties** | * You will be expected to support the aims and ethos of the school by setting a good example in terms of dress, punctuality and attendance, attending team and staff meetings and being proactive in matters relating to health and safety and safeguarding.
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| Essential | Desirable |
| * Proven literacy and numeracy skills (equivalent to ‘O’ Level or GCSE grade C or 4)
* Interest in food preparation and cookery
* Ability to work quickly and methodically
* Positive attitude to support teaching staff
* Ability to work independently and using own initiative
* Attention to detail
* Good organisational skills
* Willingness to undertake relevant training (including first aid)
* Supportive of the school aims and ethos
 | * Level 3 qualifications (‘A’ level or equivalent)
* First aid trained
* Experience of working in a similar role
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