



**The Trafalgar
School** AT DOWNTON

Applicant Information Pack

CLASSROOM TECHNICIAN – FOOD





Dear Candidate

Thank you for your interest in the position of Classroom Technician in Food at Trafalgar School.

The Trafalgar School at Downton is a friendly, rural secondary school, set in the historic village of Downton on the edge of the New Forest. As well as working for the community at Trafalgar, many of our staff choose to live within the surrounding towns and villages, as part of the community they serve.

At The Trafalgar School every individual matters, irrespective of background and ability. We believe in the unlimited potential of every child and have developed a well-deserved reputation for delivering high quality teaching and learning within a caring and nurturing environment. This results in some exceptional outcomes for our students – both academic and more holistically.

Our school ethos is built firmly on our values and vision for young people, on which further information can be found in the enclosed recruitment information and on our website. Our aim is to develop open-minded, flexible, resilient individuals, with the skills and attitudes to be successful in tomorrow's society. Empowering young people to be the source of their own success, is our commitment in enabling our students towards a life fulfilled.

We are fortunate to have an outstanding staff team and we are seeking a part time Food Technician to join our Technology department. The team currently consists of 3 teachers and 3 part-time technicians led by our Subject Leader of Technology.

To apply for this position, you should complete an MLP application form. The link to request one is via our website's recruitment page. The deadline for applications is 9am Thursday 8th January 2026 and interviews will be held w/c 12th January 2026.

The start date of this position is January/February 2026.

I hope the information contained in this Applicant Pack gives you a sense of our ethos and value. Should you require any further information, or for an informal discussion regarding the role, please contact our Operations Manager, Rachel Reeves by email; r.reeves@trafalgar.wilts.sch.uk. or telephone 01725 550300.

The recruitment for this position will end when a suitable candidate has been appointed.

I very much look forward to receiving your application.

Jy Taylor

Headteacher





Our Purpose

OUR VISION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By the time they leave our school our young people will be able to communicate effectively. They will be able to solve mathematical and scientific problems. They will be able to express themselves creatively and imaginatively. They will have a strong sense of self, a sense of others and a sense of place. They will make informed choices that effect positively on their own wellbeing. They will ask questions, be reflective and adaptive; capable of thinking and acting for themselves and ready to join forces with others to achieve a goal. They will be positive in their mind-set and willing to face up to a challenge.

Our young people will understand what is right and what is wrong, and stand up for equality and human rights. They will appreciate other cultures and traditions. Our young people will be thoughtful, caring and active citizens making a difference to their community and to society.



TOWARDS A LIFE FULFILLED

Empowering young people to be the source of their own success



Our Values



Our values define us and underpin our ambition of a life fulfilled through empowerment. These values apply to our staff, as well as to our student community, so we seek a colleague who is:

STRONG AND SPIRITED

They believe that as an individual and within a community, they are in charge of their own destiny and they have the power to change the world both for others and for their selves. They are self-motivated.

GIVING

They look for opportunities every day to serve other people and to make the world just that little bit better in whatever way they can. By doing this they improve their own sense of self-worth. They understand the importance of civic responsibility, of being a positively contributing member of society.

DETERMINED

They do not give up even if the road gets tough. They are resilient, persevere and achieve their goals. They understand that commitment to a long term goal is the key to a successful and fulfilled life and gives them roots.

COMPASSIONATE

They care about others and themselves and understand that sometimes people need our support.

ENTHUSIASTIC

They enjoy life and appreciate everything they see and do. They find joy in the smallest things. They always give of their best and expect the same from others.

TRUSTWORTHY

They strive to do what is right and value honesty and trust.

RESPECTFUL

They realise that everyone has talents and gifts and should be respected. They expect that both for and from themselves. They listen to others and are courteous. They are socially confident and understand the importance of self-regulation.

OPEN-MINDED

They understand that difference is a positive thing and that no one way is always the right one. They are tolerant of others and expect the same towards themselves.



Our Strategic Plan

Our purpose is to empower students to be the source of their own success. We will do this by:

SAFEGUARDING

- Providing a healthy, safe, supportive and happy learning environment so that all students have the opportunity to grow emotionally, socially, morally, intellectually and spiritually.

WELLBEING

- Building positive relationships and a strong community so that all stakeholders feel valued and a sense of belonging
- Upholding high standards of behaviour so that all students have a moral understanding and a sense of civic responsibility to make the world a better place
- Promoting the physical, mental and emotional health of the child and the importance of a positive mind-set so that all students live long and happy lives
- Teaching students to 'fail well' so that all students can rise to a challenge and are able to overcome barriers and setbacks.

CURRICULUM - 'BUILDING CULTURAL CAPITAL'

- Sharing a passion for our subjects and a love of life and each other so that it inspires others
- Developing 'academic habits' so that all students become highly effective people
- Delivering a curriculum that is knowledge rich and secured through application so that all students can both develop and demonstrate their understanding and capability
- Providing teaching (and assessment) of the highest quality so that it motivates, stimulates, builds confidence and ultimately enables students to think and act for themselves
- Providing a co-curriculum that builds character and develops lifelong interests.



Technology



Learning to prepare and cook healthy nutritious food is a skill that promotes a lifelong healthy body and mind. The hospitality and catering curriculum at The Trafalgar School at Downton will provide a wide range of opportunities for students to explore flavours, cooking processes and nutritious ingredients in increasingly elaborate ways. Students will leave with the confidence to prepare themselves and their families a repertoire of both affordable and nutritious dishes. A continuing curiosity about creative food experimentation and an awareness of the impact of food production on our planet's precious resources will be a lingering consideration in young minds as they become the next generation of adults.

As a key member of the department, the Food Technician plays a vital role in supporting practical teaching and learning within the hospitality and catering environment of the kitchen and classroom. Working closely with teaching staff,, the technician ensures lessons run smoothly by preparing equipment and ingredients, maintaining a safe and hygienic environment, and assisting both groups and individual students during practical tasks.

This role involves active collaboration with teachers to develop effective strategies that enhance student learning across their technology rotations. Technicians also contribute to a strong team culture by sharing best practices and supporting one another across the technology department.

If you have a passion for food, a keen eye for organisation, and a desire to help young people develop essential life skills, this is an exciting and rewarding opportunity to make a real difference.



Terms of position

- **Position:** Permanent
- **Hours per week:** 18 hours per week
- **Working pattern:** 3 days a week; preferred days Monday, Tuesday & Friday
8.00am – 2.30pm (30 minutes unpaid break)
- **Working weeks per year:** 40 weeks
(38 week term, 1 week training days, 1 week summer holidays deep cleaning)
- **Paid weeks per year:** 46.00
- **Pay scale:** MLP Support Grade F point 9 (FTE £27,254)
Actual pay £11,696
- **Start date:** January/February 2026 – as soon as possible
- **Responsible to:** Subject Leader of Technology

Benefits

Working at MLP, staff have access to a number of benefits:

- Pension schemes – Teacher Pension Scheme and Local Government Pension scheme
- Cycle to Work scheme
- Wiltshire Rewards scheme
- Benenden Healthcare scheme
- Discounted gym membership – Parkwood, Salisbury
- Employee assistance phone line – support with health, financial and legal issues
- MLP has signed up to the Department of Education's Wellbeing Charter



Recruitment Equity



Safer Recruitment

The Trafalgar School at Downton is committed to the safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our students and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS) before any appointment is confirmed.

Diversity

The Trafalgar School is committed to eliminating discrimination and encouraging diversity. Our aim is that our workforce will be truly representative of society and each employee feels respected. To that end, we are committed to provide equality and fairness for all in our recruitment and employment practices and not to discriminate on any grounds.

Online Checks

Online searches of information that is publicly available online will be carried out for all shortlisted candidates.

Disclosure

All employees are required to undertake an enhanced DBS check. You are required, before appointment, to disclose any unspent conviction, cautions, reprimands or warnings under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Non-disclosure may lead to termination of employment. However, disclosure of a criminal record will not necessarily debar you from employment – this will depend upon the nature of the offence(s) and when they occurred.

Shortlisting

Only those candidates meeting the requirements of the Person Specification (evidenced in the Application Pack) will be taken forward from application.

Interview

Those shortlisted will be invited to attend an interview process which may include (role dependent), lesson observations, tasks or role specific activities; further shortlisting may take place after lesson observations for teachers prior to moving forward to formal interview with the Headteacher. During interview, applicants will be asked to address any discrepancies, anomalies or gaps in the application form.

References

References from current employers will be taken for shortlisted candidates, and where necessary, employers may be contacted to gather further information. Without satisfactory references, an offer of employment will not be confirmed.

Probation

All staff will be subject to a probation period of four months which may, in certain circumstances, this may be extended to six months. The probation period is a trial period, to enable the assessment of an employee's suitability for the job for which they have been employed. It provides the Academy with the opportunity to monitor and review the performance of new staff and in terms of their commitment to safeguarding and relationships.