



Food Technician

32.5 hours per week, term time only

Start date: Spring term 2025 – date to be agreed

Salary Range: Support Staff Pay Scale Grade C
(£23,115 - £24,140 FTE)

Testbourne Community School, is a 11-16 comprehensive school, which provides a forward thinking, outward looking and vibrant learning environment. We pride ourselves on the strength of staff and student relationships and we have a strong sense of community at the heart of our ethos. Our shared philosophy is embodied by our strapline 'Achievement, Excellence, Integrity.'

Testbourne is a high performing school, with students achieving excellent results. In August 2024, 76% achieved a 'standard' pass of grade 4 and above in English and Maths combined. An excellent total of 52 grade 9s were achieved by our year 11s across their subjects. Progress was also good for all students including those with SEND.

This post provides an exciting career opportunity for an ambitious and inspirational candidate who would like to further develop their career. Main responsibilities will involve supporting teaching staff with a wide variety of practical tasks associated with food preparation and nutrition. The successful candidate would ideally have some experience working in an educational environment and hold a qualification in food, nutrition or cookery; however, all applications will be carefully considered. Applicants must be committed to working directly with young people, as well as having a keen eye for maintaining the health and safety of students and staff.

The successful candidate will have excellent communication skills, and the ability to inspire our students and staff. We are dedicated to offering the right candidate professional development to enable them to achieve excellence. We provide a highly supportive environment with opportunities to develop.

"I really enjoy working at Testbourne. Not only are the students enthusiastic in their learning and respectful of teachers, Senior Leadership are supportive, caring and value their staff. I have been given numerous opportunities to develop and progress in my career, and since starting a young family I have been supported in working part-time whilst maintaining responsibilities."

To get a sense of what it is like to be part of our team, please see the [Working with Us - Testbourne Community School](#) section on our website for genuine quotes from our staff.

The successful candidate will:

- a passionate advocate for food preparation and nutrition
- be smartly presented and have a professional attitude to employment
- be punctual and reliable; flexible and hard-working
- enjoy working with young people
- have a firm but sympathetic manner, with a good sense of humour
- have a good standard of education and sound literacy and numeracy skills
- have experience of food preparation and be able to demonstrate high level cookery skills
- be willing to undertake training and develop their skills.

The role will include:

- liaising with the food preparation & nutrition teachers to meet the day-to-day needs of the department
- providing in-lesson support for students and staff, as appropriate
- preparation and tidying of teaching rooms before and after classes



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- maintaining an attractive working environment
- cleaning and minor maintenance of equipment
- maintaining and ordering stock; checking and storing deliveries
- preparation of materials for food preparation & nutrition lessons
- assisting in the completion of risk assessments and keeping relevant records up-to-date.

In return we:

- offer the opportunity to be part of a supportive, experienced, organised and friendly team;
- provide professional development and expertise to enable staff to achieve excellence;
- provide a highly professional and collaborative working environment focused on developing a love of learning and reading;
- offer first rate personal career development to assist you in the fulfilment of your ambitions.

Closing Date for Applications: Noon on Monday 16th December

We reserve the right to interview and appoint candidates before the closing date or scheduled interviews where applicable.

Application forms and further details are available from the school website www.testbourne.school or alternatively contact recruitment@testbourne.school

Testbourne Community School is committed to safeguarding children and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure Barring Service checks, along with other relevant employment checks.

Testbourne Community School is an equal opportunities employer and no candidate will be disadvantaged because of race, gender, sexuality, disability or any other protected characteristic. All shortlisting exercises are completed by evaluating a candidate's suitability in terms of the person specification and job description for the role in question.