

Active
Learning
Trust

Candidate Pack
Science Technician
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Dear applicant



Thank you for your interest in joining the Active Learning Trust. I know that choosing where to build your career is a big decision, and before I share the details of the role, I want to tell you why this is such a special place to work.

At ALT, we do things differently. We are a values-led organisation that believes our people are our greatest strength. We invest deeply in the adults who work with us, because when we help our colleagues grow, our pupils thrive. Ours is a community built on trust, care and ambition – where every member of staff is encouraged to discover their strengths, take opportunities, and know that their work is shaping brighter futures for the children in our care.

We don't see education as just a system; we see it as a moral mission. Every day, our staff bring energy, compassion and commitment to their roles, united by the belief that every child deserves the very best. We stand alongside you with high expectations, professional development, and unwavering support so that together we can achieve extraordinary things.

If you share our values and our passion for making a difference, we would be delighted to hear from you. I look forward to the possibility of welcoming you into our Trust – a place where people matter, potential is nurtured, and purpose drives everything we do.

With warm regards,



Lynsey Holzer
Chief Executive Officer

Active Learning Trust

Overview

Our multi-academy Trust was originally established in 2012 and is currently made up of 1,600 staff across 21 schools in East Anglia, serving over 8,600 young people and their families. Our shared Trust mission of delivering excellence to ensure our young people can thrive and prosper is at the heart of everything we do.

Our trustees fulfil their duties through our Trust Leadership Team, which includes our central team and school leadership teams, working together as one unified organisation with joint accountability. We have an established central team that is not only knowledgeable but also driven by an imperative to deliver the very best for the young people in our care.

At Active Learning Trust, we are restless for excellence and improvement so that our children can thrive and prosper. Deeply rooted in the heart of our communities, people choose to join our trust because we make a difference. We explore the art of the possible to find the right solutions for our children, our people and the wider education sector.

Our Team

Our team is made up of experts across all specialist areas, including education, finance, HR, communications and marketing, estates, governance, procurement, data and IT. Their skills allow us to deliver shared savings and, more importantly, provide essential services to schools, enabling school-based leadership to focus on improving outcomes for pupils in the broadest sense.

- We know our schools exceptionally well and we offer both honest reflection and evaluation of our strengths and areas for improvement.
- We have clear and appropriate plans for continuing to improve the quality of education and pupil achievement.
- We encourage and celebrate the individual characteristics of each of our schools and provide them with a good balance of autonomy central oversight and accountability.

Our People-First Philosophy

At Active Learning Trust, we invest in you from day one. We love working with specialists that are united by their skills and passion for shaping the future of education. We provide tailored coaching, leadership training and clear progression pathways that turn roles into fulfilling, lifelong careers. Guided by our values of open dialogue, bold thinking and supportive teamwork, we put your growth and well-being at the heart of everything we do - so you can focus on making a real difference in our schools and beyond.

Our Values

At the heart of our Trust are five core values that shape our culture and guide every aspect of our work. They influence our interactions, decisions and strategic direction, and they unite our school communities.



I aspire, we achieve



We're curious, creative and bold



A family, not a house share



Comfortable being candid



Humour, humility, humanity



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ALT creates environments where professionals can be bold and courageous in their practice, bringing about excellent outcomes for both students and staff. Our students receive the best standard of education from practitioners who are motivated to give their best as they are supported by a Trust that treats all with humanity, humility and humour!

More personally, I'm grateful for the CPD and career opportunities presented to me, that have allowed me to grow from an NQT into a Headteacher in 8 years.

Louise Creed
Headteacher, The Albert Pye
and Ravensmere Schools Federation

Our Schools

Active Learning Trust encompasses 21 schools across East Anglia – eight in Cambridgeshire, 12 in Suffolk and two in Norfolk.

Our schools fall naturally into three designated geographical sub-regions – Ipswich, Norfolk & North Suffolk, and mid Cambridgeshire. This allows the Trust to apply 'hub' level school-to-school support and collaborative working along with other mutually supportive arrangements. The synergy this creates has become a key way of working for our teams and continues to develop further over time.

For more information on our schools, please visit our website.

[View our schools](#)



Job Vacancy

Science Technician

A vital role at the heart of practical learning

We are looking for a Science Technician to join Cromwell Community College, supporting teachers and students by ensuring that learning spaces, equipment and materials are prepared, safe and ready to use. Working across areas such as science, art or food, this role is central to delivering hands-on, engaging lessons, maintaining equipment and managing resources so that every student can participate fully. It offers a great opportunity for someone practical, organised and committed to high standards, who enjoys working as part of a collaborative team and takes pride in creating a safe, well-prepared environment where young people can learn and thrive.

Summary of Key Responsibilities

- Prepare, set up and clear away materials, equipment and resources for practical lessons and activities
- Maintain, clean and check equipment to ensure it is safe and in good working order
- Order, manage and store materials and resources, supporting their effective use
- Follow health and safety procedures, including safe handling and disposal of materials
- Support practical learning activities and contribute to displays, demonstrations and team working
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Why Join Our Trust?

- Belong to a compassionate and inclusive trust that values you and the role you play.
- Join an experienced group of people that are fully dedicated to delivering the best for our children.
- Gain access to our VivUp employee benefit system, Cycle to Work scheme and local government pension scheme.

Contact

If you would like an informal discussion about the role, or for more info, please contact Vicki Walpole, Human Resources and Recruitment Officer, at: vwalpole@cromwell.cambs.sch.uk



**Cromwell
Community
College**

Location

Chatteris, Cambridgeshire

Contract

Part time, Permanent

Salary

ALT Grade D
£26,224 - £26,847 FTE

Start Date

September 2026

Interviews

To be confirmed

Job description

Technician (Technician Level 2)

Salary: ALT Grade D
Academy Site: Cromwell Community College
Reporting to: Senior Science Technician

Main purpose

To work with teachers as part of a professional team to support learning by providing technical assistance through the preparation and maintenance of teaching areas and equipment for pupils.

This could include working in art and design, food and/or science.

Duties and responsibilities

Teaching and Learning

- To set up resources, materials and equipment for lessons, modifying equipment as directed
- Support structured and practical activities for groups or on a one-to-one basis
- Tidy up and clean workshops/classrooms or other relevant work areas
- To assist with exhibitions, displays and demonstrations as required

Equipment maintenance

- Clean and undertake day to day maintenance of equipment as needed and directed to ensure it is clean and in good working order

Resources

- Order and maintain sufficient supplies of materials and equipment to enable delivery of lessons and assist others in their use
- Safely and securely store allocated equipment and materials to prevent unauthorised access or misuse

Systems, policies and procedures

- Perform duties in line with health and safety regulations and take action when hazards are identified, including reporting any serious hazards to the line manager
- Ensure the safe treatment and disposal of used materials, including hazardous substances and respond to actual or potential hazards

Team involvement

- To demonstrate own duties to new or less experienced staff, as required

Building professional relationships

- Communicates with pupils to support learning
- Exchanges information with staff and suppliers

Record keeping and information management

- Undertake record keeping as directed, such as inventory of equipment

Generic responsibilities of all Active Learning Trust employees

- To consistently uphold the Trust's Aims, Visions and Values.
- To work in a co-operative and polite manner with all stakeholders and visitors to promote and enhance the reputation of the academies and Trust.
- To work with children and young people within the framework of the academy in a courteous, positive, caring, and responsive manner.
- To take an active and positive role in the Trust's commitment to the development of staff and review procedures, undertaking training as required.
- To act in a professional way that is consistent with the values and expectations of the Trust.
- To be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons.

The Active Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and young people. We expect all staff to actively share this commitment. All adults working in our Trust in whatever capacity will be part of a thorough safer recruitment process. All appointments will be subject pre-employment checks including the taking of satisfactory references and enhanced criminal record clearance (via the Disclosure and Barring Service) in line with the need to create and maintain a safe culture.

Please note that this is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the role. It is not a comprehensive list of all tasks expected to be carried out. It will be reviewed annually in conjunction with the appraisal process and planning for the next academic year. It will be reviewed, and it may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after consultation with the holder of the post. The duties may be varied to meet the changing demands of the Trust at the reasonable discretion of the Reports to Manager.

Person Specification

Technician (Technician Level 2)

E = Essential / **D** = Desirable

Qualifications & Training		
Level 2 Qualifications in English and Maths	E	
Working at or towards national occupational standards in a relevant area to level 2	E	
Experience		
Experience of working in a school or similar environment		D

Skills and Knowledge		
Able to interpret information or situations to solve straight forward problems and make minor decisions	E	
Knowledge of appropriate use of specialist equipment and materials	E	
Knowledge and experience of policies and procedures relevant to health and safety and child protection	E	

Personal Qualities		
Embodies of the Active Learning Trust's values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I aspire, we achieve - We're curious, creative and bold - A family, not a house share - Comfortable being candid - Humour, humility, humanity 	E	
Commitment to uphold the seven principles of public life (the Nolan principles) at all times	E	

Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times	E	
Able to regularly lift and move, push and pull resources, materials and equipment which may be awkward or heavy	E	
Able to be regularly exposed to dirt, fumes, chemicals, liquids, possible hazardous materials	E	
Equal Opportunities		
Commitment to inclusion, equality and diversity	E	
Safeguarding		
Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.	E	

Application Process

How to Apply

You can browse and apply for all Active Learning Trust vacancies by clicking the link below to access our recruitment platform. Once you have found the corresponding vacancy, click on the 'Apply Now' button to begin your application. You can save your application and return to it at any time. Please ensure you have completed and submitted your application before the deadline shown on the job advert.

[View current vacancies](#)

Hints and Tips

To increase the chance of your application being considered for the role, please follow these steps:

- Use the Person Specification document to write your application. Consider using the headings and give examples where possible.
- Check for punctuation and grammar errors.
- Ensure your first referee is from your current or most recent employer. If you are employed within a school or academy, ensure you list your Headteacher as your first referee.
- All gaps in employment history must be explained. This should start from the date you left full-time education, including the summer holiday.



Useful Information

As an equal opportunities employer, we welcome applications irrespective of race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation and/or age. We value the individuality and creativity that every worker potentially brings to the workforce.

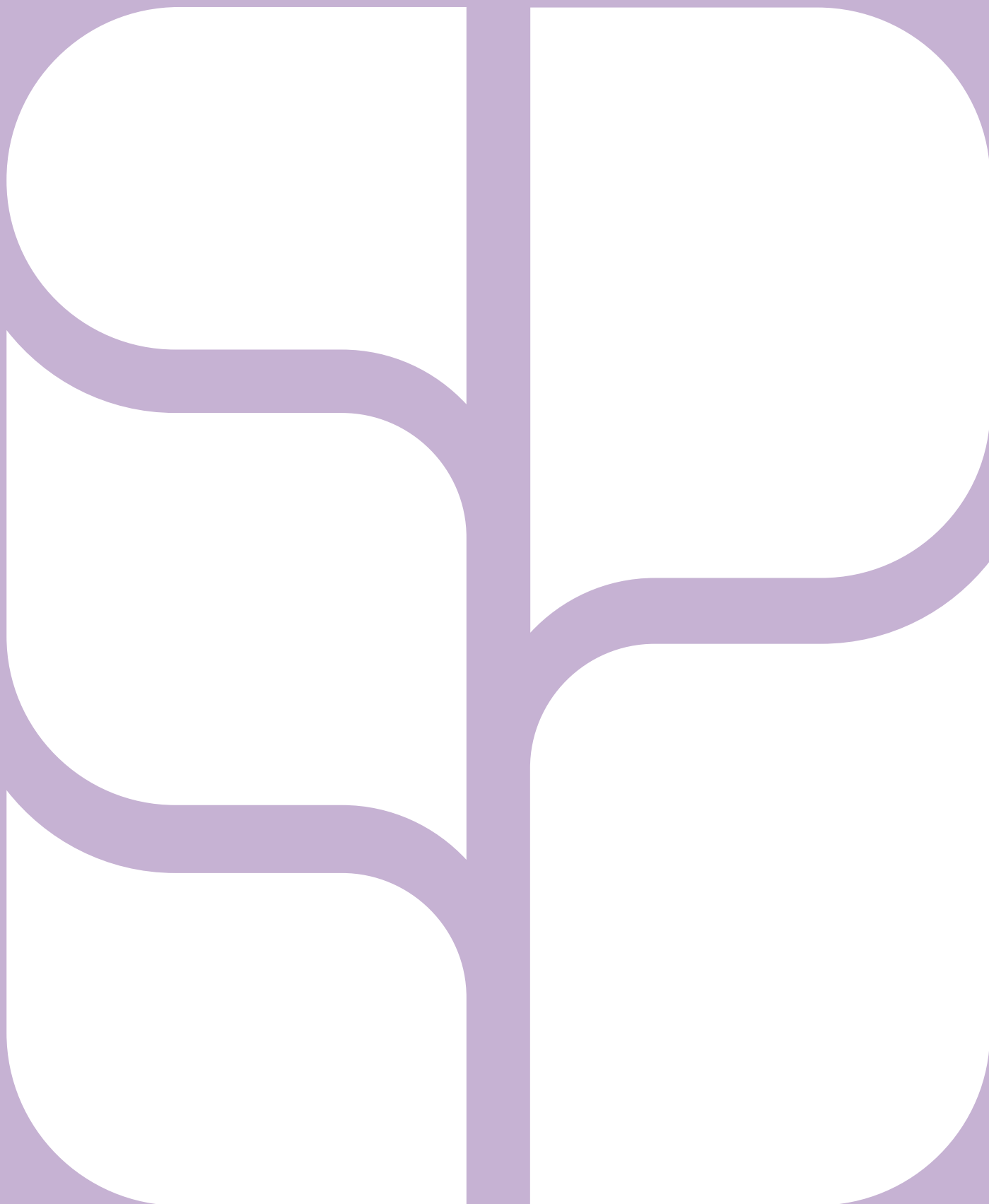
No CVs are accepted in line with requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education, therefore all applications are required to be completed using the MyNewTerm platform.

The Active Learning Trust reserves the right to interview and appoint prior to the advert closing date. With this in mind, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

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Candidates are advised that, if shortlisted for interview, they will be subject to an online search of information in the public domain.

This post will come under the requirements of the Childcare (Disqualification) 2009 Regulations and the successful applicant will be required to complete a declaration form to establish whether they are disqualified under these regulations.



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