



Stephen Perse

Cambridge

Science Technician (part-time) JD & PS

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History of Stephen Perse

The Perse Girls School, founded in 1881, evolved into the Stephen Perse Foundation in 2007, and first admitted boys to its Senior School in 2017. Stephen Perse has grown over recent years, adding a co-educational sixth form to its highly successful Senior School in 2008, and four nurseries and early years settings (three in Cambridge and one at Dame Bradbury's in Saffron Walden) between 2010 and 2021. Stephen Perse has been fully co-educational in all settings since 2017 and now comprises four nurseries, two junior schools, a senior school and sixth form.

Predominantly a day school, there are currently 60 (mainly sixth form) boarders. As well as its reputation for academic excellence, Stephen Perse is renowned for an innovative approach to education, and a focus on preparing students for the future.





Our Mission Statement

At Stephen Perse, our mission is to educate and inspire the contributors to tomorrow's world: intelligent young people with the creativity, compassion, confidence and conviction to question, evaluate and improve society.

Our Vision Statement

To deliver this mission, our vision is to create and sustain an outstanding educational environment that:

- Fosters modern scholarship through exceptional teaching and a dynamic, flexible and rigorous academic curriculum.
- Provides outstanding breadth of opportunity and quality of experience through a rich and varied co-curriculum.
- Nurtures and celebrates individuality, wellbeing, personal development, and contribution to the growth of others, through superb pastoral care, social and emotional education, and learning support.
- Champions and models equality, diversity and inclusivity, and social and environmental responsibility with a global outlook.

Our Values Statement

With excellence and creativity in teaching and learning at the core of each of our schools and nurseries, we value the positive difference our students can make in the world through:

- Scholarship and the advancement of knowledge and understanding.
- Kindness, courtesy, inclusivity and collaboration.
- Diligence, independence and self-reliance.
- Humility, reflectiveness and the pursuit of self-improvement.
- Character, individuality, wellbeing and confidence.
- Conserving the environment and living sustainably.

Welcome from the Principal

Richard Girvan

Stephen Perse is a leader in modern independent education, superbly well placed, both to meet the challenges, and to seize the opportunities, presented by its future.



Any school, indeed, any group of schools, is only as strong as its people. Stephen Perse boasts exceptional people across all of its schools and nurseries, and invests in their recruitment, development and empowerment to ensure our pupils benefit from excellent role models, outstanding support and exceptional teaching. As Principal, I consider this investment in our people to be of utmost importance.

At Stephen Perse, all are united in embracing the modern world and in seeking to help our pupils to find and take their place in it, as confident, socially responsible adults. We seek to attract people who are inspired by this challenge, people who share our values, people who are passionate about our collective vision of developing the change-makers of the future.

Richard Girvan

Principal

Science Technician (part-time) JD & PS

Responsible to: Faculty Head of Science, but reporting on a day-to-day basis to the Senior Science Technician

Location: Stephen Perse Cambridge Senior School and Sixth Form

Role Description

The Science Technician will be responsible for preparing, maintaining and developing resources to support the teaching and promotion of science at Stephen Perse.

This role is to start in September 2026.

Main Responsibilities

Effective communication and engagement with children, young people and their families and carers

- Maintain the safety standards of practical resources; note and rectify equipment faults as well as chemical storage and preparation.
- Clear spills and mitigate other hazards.
- Give safety advice and support to teachers.
- Maintain a collection of safety information in the preparation room and laboratories as required.
- Carry out risk assessments for technician activities.
- Arrange for safe and secure storage of

equipment, apparatus and chemicals and for their safe disposal.

- Carry out periodic safety checks.

Provision of practical requirements

- Prepare and set up equipment and materials for lessons and events including data-logging and digital equipment.
- Check that the provision of lesson materials and apparatus is correct.
- Deliver lesson materials and apparatus to the laboratories in good time.
- Clear equipment and materials from laboratories at the end of lessons.
- Carry out appropriate end-of-day checks in the laboratories and preparation rooms.
- Give advice, assistance and support to classes during practical activities (including investigations and projects) when requested by the teaching staff.
- Contribute to the development and design of apparatus and equipment for practical activities.

- Trial practical activities.
- Cost apparatus and equipment and suggest alternatives.

Maintenance of resources and facilities

- Schedule and carry out regular maintenance and cleaning of equipment, apparatus, textbooks and facilities.
- Keep the laboratory and preparation room areas clean and tidy.
- Carry out checking, calibration, fault-finding and repair of instruments and equipment where possible or send/arrange for their repair.
- Set up and maintain any specialist resources according to the needs of the department.

Organisation and management of practical resources

- Set up and operate systems for the management and control of practical resources and textbooks, including

stock control - the location and availability of materials, textbooks, apparatus and equipment.

- Coordinate the use of practical resources and facilities between classes, including occasionally between Senior School and Sixth Form College.
- Order necessary apparatus and equipment with the approval of the department head.
- Check deliveries against orders and invoices.
- Shop locally for some requirements.
- Prioritise tasks and manage time effectively.
- Liaise with suppliers' representatives, CLEAPSS etc.
- Carry out effective and appropriate liaison with staff working within the college relating to the technician services.

General responsibilities

- Act as an excellent ambassador for Stephen Perse at all times.
- Build and maintain good working relationships with all Stephen Perse colleagues.
- Assist as necessary in other Stephen Perse areas at peak times.
- Work at all times towards the aims and goals of Stephen Perse and any individual objectives and targets you

may have agreed.

- Proactively identify areas for improvements within Stephen Perse.
- Actively promote the Stephen Perse Equal Opportunities Policy, encouraging staff awareness and participation in all areas.
- Act in accordance with the Data Protection principles at all times.
- Adhere at all times to Stephen Perse operational and employment policies and procedures.
- Take care of your own health and safety and that of people who may be affected by what you do (or do not do).
- Cooperate with others on health and safety, and not interfere with, or misuse, anything provided for your health, safety or welfare.
- Follow the training you have received when using any work items Stephen Perse has provided.
- Adhere to the Stephen Perse Privacy Notice and ensure private and confidential data is kept secure and disposed of in the appropriate manner.

This job description is not necessarily comprehensive and the position holder will be required to carry out such other duties as may reasonably be required within the general scope and level of the post.

Safeguarding and welfare of children

The post holder's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for whom s/he is responsible, or with whom s/he comes into contact, will be to adhere to and ensure compliance with the Stephen Perse Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy statement at all times. If, in the course of carrying out the duties of the post, the role-holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the School, s/he must report any concerns to the School's Designated Person or the Stephen Perse Designated Safeguarding Lead. All employees of Stephen Perse adhere to the Safer Working Practices guidance and all teaching staff are required to adhere to the Teaching Standards which can be **found on the government website.**

Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable	Assessment Method
Qualifications	A Level (or equivalent) in one or more of Physics, Chemistry or Biology English and Mathematics GCSE or above	Degree-level qualification in a scientific field	Application Form Production of the Applicant's certificates at interview
Knowledge & Experience	None required as full training will be provided	Previous experience in a similar role	Application Form
Skills & Aptitudes	Due to our statutory obligations in respect of safeguarding, the ability to read, understand and communicate in English to a sufficient standard to understand these obligations is required Ability to follow and comply with instructions on equipment and/or materials usage Good communication skills Willingness to work both independently and as part of a team Ability to work to deadlines Ability to manage own work effectively Able to use own initiative and readily seek and accept advice Ability to carry out health and safety checks and maintain relevant records Ability to adapt to changing circumstances		Interview
Personal Attributes	Team player Sense of responsibility and confidentiality Professionalism and Integrity Dedication and Enthusiasm		Interview

Terms and conditions

All appointments for Stephen Perse are subject to satisfactory reference and disclosure and barring service (DBS) checks, suitability to work with children checks, online checks, proof of identity and eligibility to work in the UK, completion of a medical questionnaire and proof of qualifications.

Hours of work

This position is part-time, term-time only. Working 30 hours per week (working pattern to be decided), four days per week, 35.2 weeks per year (to include 5 INSET days).

Salary

£17,521 pro rata (£27,625 FTE) - £20,128 pro rata (£31,734 FTE).



Benefits

- Contributory pension scheme - matching up to 7%.
- Salary sacrifice tech and cycle to work schemes.*
- Life assurance scheme.
- Rail season ticket loan/discount on train travel on Greater Anglia rail services.
- Lunch and refreshments provided during term time.
- Annual flu immunisation.
- Many of the sites offer covered bike parking.
- Free access to the Cambridge University Botanic Garden.
- Access to private health and dental plan subscriptions.
- A staff discount on School Fees of 50% (pro rata for part time and term time) should staff have a child at any school (from Reception to Year 13) within Stephen Perse.

Please note, all benefits are under periodic review and subject to change.

**Eligibility criteria applies.*

Privacy Notice

Please see our privacy policy which is available on the recruitment portal.

<http://www.stephenperse.com/recruitment>



Please apply by completing an application form, which can be found here: www.stephenperse.com/recruitment, or contact recruitment@stephenperse.com regarding any queries.

We are unable to accept CVs.

The Recruitment Process

- Closing date for applications: **9am on Friday 26 June.**
- Interviews will take place: **Week commencing Monday 29 June.**

References may be taken up before interview.

Invitation to interview and recruitment arrangements

Stephen Perse is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils. Stephen Perse has a statutory duty to apply for DBS clearance and shall ask the successful candidate to complete an online form which must be cleared before the applicant can commence work. Such checks may take up to eight weeks to complete.

Stephen Perse has a legal responsibility to ensure that all its employees have the legal right to live and work in the UK. Therefore, you will need to provide original documents verifying that you are eligible to work in the UK to the interview. Details of these will be provided in the invitation to interview.

All candidates invited to interview must bring the original documents confirming any educational and professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post.





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