Kent County Council

Job Description: Laboratory Assistant

Directorate: Growth, Environment and Transport

Unit/Section: EPE/PP/KSS

Grade: KR3

Responsible to: Principal Scientist

Purpose of the Job:

To provide support to the laboratory staff of Kent Scientific Services

Main duties and responsibilities:

- Undertake sample preparation
- Monitor and maintain stock levels of consumable items
- Perform routine maintenance tasks in the Laboratory (replacement of instrument filters, for example)
- Help maintain cleanliness in the laboratory
- Maintain a supply of clean dry glassware by hand washing and by use of the laboratory washing machines
- Undertake the collection and redistribution of Kent Scientific Services staff laundry
- Dispose of completed samples
- Carry out sample collection and delivery and other driving as required using Kent Scientific Service vehicles

Footnote: This job description is provided to assist the job holder to know what his/her main duties are. It may be amended from time to time without change to the level of responsibility appropriate to the grade of post.

Person Specification: Laboratory Assistant

The following outlines the criteria for this post. Applicants who have a disability and who meet the criteria will be shortlisted.

Applicants should describe in their application how they meet these criteria.

| | CRITERIA |
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| QUALIFICATIONS | GCSE grade C (or grade 4) or higher in maths, english and either chemistry or combined science or equivalent |
| | Driving license |
| EXPERIENCE | None required |
| SKILLS AND ABILITIES | Organised and methodical |
| | Work as part of a team |
| | Able to exercise initiative |
| KNOWLEDGE | Basic knowledge of chemistry |
| BEHAVIOURS AND KENT VALUES | Kent Values: |
| | Open |
| | Acting with integrity, honesty and transparency, willing to learn and treating people fairly and with respect. |
| | Invite Contribution and Challenge Working collaboratively to find new solutions that put the interests and wellbeing of Kent people first. |
| | Accountable Taking personal and professional responsibility for our actions, performance and the council's money. |