



Oxfordshire and Reading Science Learning Partnership Newsletter

Technician October 2020

About Us: We are the local branch of STEM Learning, the largest provider of STEM education and careers support to schools and colleges, whose **vision is to achieve a world-leading STEM education for all young people** across the UK.

The Oxfordshire Science Learning Partnership (SLP) is based at Oxford Spires Academy in the heart of the city. We combine local expertise in science, teaching and learning to facilitate networks, communication, CPD, and school-to-school support. We work closely with primary and secondary schools across the region as well as local and national organisations such as OTSA, Science Oxford and Rutherford Appleton Labs, Ogden Trust and IOP and other local partners with cutting-edge expertise in science.



Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a safe and Covid free return to your prep rooms. This academic year is going to see many and varied changes of working practice for technicians, we are sure that you will all rise to the challenge but remember to;

**keep yourselves
safe**

**keep stress
levels low**

**say NO when
necessary**

We are kicking off this term with;

Oxfordshire Technician network meeting

Thursday 8th October 2020, 2.00pm-3.00pm. Virtual (platform TBC). **£10**

Join us for a one-hour remote technician meeting. This session will be led by Senior Science Technician and STEM Facilitator, Jacqueline Merritt. This is a chance to share the 'Covid' science practical's experience. The highs and lows of working in these difficult and unusual times.

This will be a chance to ask questions of each other to help us get to grips with the 'new normal' technical lessons we are providing support for.

To book please use this link:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/481149/technician-network>

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During the lock down we ran some very successful virtual sessions aimed at new technicians to introduce them to the role. This not only proved popular with new technicians but also with very experienced technicians who wanted to share their knowledge and experience.

Overall we reached nearly 400 technicians around the country, it was an amazing experience so much so we have decided to run some more this term for any new technicians starting out in their career. Experienced technicians are also welcome.

Technicians: maintaining your prep room Tuesday 20th October, Thursday 22nd October and Tuesday 3rd November 2020, 2.00pm-3.00pm. **£40**

Maintaining a science prep room can pose a number of challenges. Explore strategies to organise your prep room in an efficient way to maximise the operational side of delivering practical science lessons. You will look at ways to streamline practical requisition's as well as how to document inventories and safety considerations.

This course is 5 hours comprising of 3 virtual sessions and 2 gap tasks to be completed between sessions.

To book please use this link:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/481887/technicians-maintaining-your-prep-room>

Coming soon

Technicians supporting A Level Physics Thursday 5th November 2020, Thursday 25th March 2021, 12.30pm – 3.00pm. **£50.**

This 2 session training has been adapted from the original 1-day course for the virtual audience. The main content will be Setting up equipment, troubleshooting any issues and gaining better understanding of how the equipment is used.

There will also be time for Q&A and for a bring a share unknown equipment.

To book please use this link:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/482603/technicians-supporting-level-physics>

Oxfordshire Technician network meeting

Wednesday 10th February 2021, 2.00pm-3.00pm. Virtual (platform TBC). **£10**

Join us again for a one-hour remote technician meeting. If anyone would like to volunteer to host this meeting, please contact us. We would also like ideas for topics for the network meetings. More details of content to follow nearer the time.

To book please use this link:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/482118/technician-network>

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If you have any Technician CPD needs let us know. We can find the CPD that is right for you.

Contact Us:

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Cancellations

- 1 week notice no fee applies.
- Short notice 50% fee applies.
- Non-attendance 100% fee applies.

PLEASE NOTE!

We have changed our email addresses.

We are no longer

@oxfordspiresacademy.org

We are now

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