Director of Science

**Dates:** April 2019 but may consider earlier appointment

**Salary:** UTC Reading Leadership Scale

**Location:** Crescent Road, East Reading, RG1 5RQ

**Contract type:** Full Time

**Contract term:** Permanent (Not suitable for NQTs)

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic Director of Science to lead a thriving and exciting Science Department to join this Outstanding and World Class University Technical College (UTC).

The Director of Science will join the leadership team at the UTC to lead this important department through the next part of its exciting journey. You will support our drive to ensure that UTC Reading students are prepared for the world of work and have high aspirations for the future.

As a Director of Science at UTC Reading, you will be working with some of the world’s biggest tech companies, as well as great local innovators. You will be leading on projects and engagements and supporting students in developing the technical skills needed by industry, to make education relevant to the real world.

To thrive in this role, you will need a passion for science and the broader STEM subjects and be willing to work with industry partners from across the engineering, computing and STEM industries.

You will be responsible for leading and managing a team of experienced and dedicated teachers, and have the ability to provide clear, effective guidance to colleagues, developing their teaching practice as well as maximising standards of student attainment.

We want you to be more than a Director – we want you to be a subject expert, and recognised by our students and your team as such.

This is a role like no other. You will be a key player in building on our world-class reputation by developing the next generation of talent with high quality scientific knowledge and skills.

The UTC is equipped with four, state of the art Laboratories for delivering Biology, Chemistry and Physics at KS4 and KS5 and the science subjects are some of our most popular choices for students that join us.

Working closely with senior leaders at the school, you will be given every opportunity to run specialist enrichments, and there will be a number of employer trips for you to organise and lead on along with teaching across the KS4 and KS5 science curriculum.

The UTC opened in September 2013 in a newly refurbished building, which replicates a business environment with state-of–the-art facilities and was judged by Ofsted as Outstanding in every category in May 2015 in only its second year of operation. In December 2017, the UTC was awarded the World Class Schools Quality Mark. This is not only a relatively new school but a new approach to educating 14-19 year olds; which is possibly the most exciting change in the education landscape in decades.

All students at UTC Reading specialise in either Engineering, Computing or STEM; at KS4 they also study a focused and supportive curriculum to these specialisms. At Post 16 the curriculum becomes more specialist where students can study one of three routes: Technical, Hybrid, or A Level. In the technical route they will either study a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering or Computing. In the Hybrid Route, they will study a technical qualification in engineering or computing alongside two A Levels. In the A Level route they will study 3 A Levels. At capacity we will be educating 560 students who will all have a passion for Engineering or Computer Science; it is a truly inspirational environment.

This role will provide you with:

* unparalleled professional development including access to a full suite of professional qualifications including MOS, MTA and AutoDesk
* focussed teaching - only teaching KS4 and KS5 classes
* small class sizes
* passionate students
* opportunities for career development as the UTC grows
* An opportunity to be at the forefront of STEM education

If you believe that this is an environment where you can thrive, develop and substantially contribute to an exciting future for UTC Reading then you are encouraged to explore further by contacting the Principal, Jonathan Nicholls, via jessica.bryant@utcreading.org.uk for a more detailed discussion or a visit to the UTC if required.

**Completed application forms and an accompanying supporting letter should be emailed no later than Monday 9th December 2019 – Midday to** **jessica.bryant@utcreading.org.uk**

**Interviews are scheduled to take place W/C 9th December 2019.**

We are an equal opportunities employer and are committed to the safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

UTC Reading,
Crescent Road,
East Reading,
RG1 5RQ,