

# New Technician Network in Norfolk and North Suffolk

The Salters' Institute\* has kindly awarded a grant to set up a **Technician Network** in Norfolk and North Suffolk.

## Aim

The aim is to support the development of a network of highly skilled and motivated technicians by providing opportunities to access quality, cost-effective CPD on a regular basis.

Termly meetings will allow technicians to share expertise, problem solve, meet suppliers and have training. Lone technicians and small teams will benefit from the experience of local experienced technicians, which in turn will help them grow in confidence and motivation.

This improvement in technicians' knowledge, techniques and systems will benefit teaching staff in the practical work they can do and therefore pupil experiences in science lessons.

Building strong local connections can lead to shared expenses for chemical waste disposal, bulk buying equipment or servicing and even sharing of resources.

## Meeting details

Caister Academy will be hosting the first technicians' meeting on **Thursday, 19 July 2018**, from 9am to 3pm. The day will include training from Simon Quinnell, National Technicians' Lead for STEM Learning, and also workshops from suppliers, demonstrations and a Q and A session.

All this is **free** and lunch will be provided.

## Booking & more information

Please contact Grainne McAdam, Science Technician at Caister Academy on [grainne.mcadam@caisteracademy.org.uk](mailto:grainne.mcadam@caisteracademy.org.uk), for further information or to book a place. If booking a place please inform us of any dietary requirements you may have.

*"We hope you will share our view that this is a wonderful opportunity to raise the profile of the work of our technicians and enable them to work together collaboratively. We all benefit from sharing ideas and in doing so we can all improve. The work of our technicians often goes unrecognised; we hope therefore that you will encourage your technicians to join this network and we can all then benefit from their shared expertise in the future."*

- Caister Academy

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