



Senior NPD Technologist

We are currently seeking a talented Senior NPD Technologist to support our ongoing growth, bringing concepts to life from the kitchen to full launch.

Reporting directly to the Commercial Director, the successful candidate will be joining a business with a diverse product and customer base, and lots of tasty projects to get their teeth into!

Key responsibilities of the role will include: -

- To manage & co-ordinate NPD project portfolio, from formulation to plant approval, working closely with the Production Manager and other key contacts on site.
- Working with cross-functional teams to implement development plans to cost and timescale, ensuring that brief and product launch timeframes are achieved.
- Responsible for managing the day-to-day progression of each project within their portfolio. This will involve coordinating and driving all activities on the Critical Path.
- Work closely with sales team to create accurate briefs and ensure customer deadlines are achieved.
- Provide technical expertise on product and process related issues on site, including commissioning of new equipment and processes.
- To coordinate and lead the NPD Technician, ensuring priority is given to key projects, customers and stakeholders.
- Source new and innovative raw materials, explore new suppliers, and visit exhibitions to capture ideas and present them to the commercial team.

Ideally, the right person for the role would possess the following attributes: -

- A solid grounding in Food Technology, both in formulation experience and understanding of food process. A degree in Food Science is desirable.
- Minimum of 2 years NPD experience within an FMCG company, ideally with experience of product ranges such as bakery and confectionary.
- A self-starter, the ability to work autonomously and with a high degree of initiative.
- A real 'foodie', someone who is enthusiastic, innovative and keen to keep up to date with new trends within the industry!
- Good understanding of project management with the ability to multi-task and prioritise effectively to achieve internal and external deadlines.
- Relevant experience of working with retail branded products and interface with the major retailers and brands would be highly beneficial.