

Post title	Kitchen Manager
Location	Northern Ambition Academies Trust, Crewe Road, Airedale, Castleford, WF10 3JU The role is based at Oyster Park Primary Academy, Watling Road, Castleford WF10 3SN
Grade	Grade 5 SCP7-11
Salary	£24,294 - £25,979 FTE (Actual £20,450 - £22,356 PA)
Hours	36.25 hours per week, Term Time Only + 5 days during school holidays and parents' evenings



As Kitchen Manager you will have overall responsibility for the school catering operation and set and driving standards for the catering team within your kitchen. You will play a vital role in ensuring our school community is well fed and your primary focus is on delivering good nutritious food for our pupils.

The role also includes the catering for school events and is a great opportunity for you to show off your food presentation skills.

This hugely varied position would suit an experienced team player with an interest and experience in food and a background in hospitality or customer service. The ideal candidate will have experience of working in and managing a team, will cope well in a pressured kitchen environment and will be able to demonstrate exceptional planning, organisational and interpersonal skills.

As Kitchen Manager you will:

- Make sure everything in the kitchen runs smoothly during a busy service. You will know how to get the best out of your team by encouraging and supporting them to work well together.
- Take the reins in the kitchen, whether you are making decisions or coming up with fresh ideas or new ways of working.
- Develop the catering offering in all aspects of the day-to-day planning, preparation, service, and delivery of food within the school.
- Recognise and lead the team, understanding how to maximise their potential.
- Report to the Trust Catering Manager – contributing to the future direction of our inhouse catering function.
- Maintain hygiene levels and safety regulations in the kitchen.
- Have experience of managing a busy kitchen (ideally within a school catering setting).

You will be working with colleagues and pupils across the school, so will need to love working with people and be prepared to work hard as part of a team.

We are situated in the former industrial heartland of Yorkshire, close to the junction of the M62 and A1 and its transport links. The Trust currently comprises four schools across the primary and secondary phases, with plans for future growth and the opportunities that brings. In return, we offer an extensive programme of school and Trust CPD (Continuing Professional Development), to help you grow and develop.

Our wellbeing programme includes a range of benefits including:

- The opportunity to work collaboratively within a vibrant, supportive family of schools.
- Use of Every to assist with CPD and the development of all staff.
- Our commitment to staff wellbeing (as shown by our Wellbeing Awards for Schools and school-based Staff Wellbeing Ambassadors who are all trained in Mental Health First Aid).
- Annual appraisals.
- National College membership.
- The Key membership.
- Our Northern Lights Trust Recognition Scheme.
- Recognition including Random Acts of Kindness and Staff Awards.
- Discounted Microsoft products.
- Annual flu jabs.

Talk to our staff or pupils and you will find out how proud we are of our school, its supportive atmosphere and strong team ethos. If you would like to arrange a visit, please contact the Trust HR Department by email HR@northernambition.org.uk or by telephone on 01977 664555.

For further details, including the recruitment pack and Trust brochure, visit www.northernambition.co.uk.

Closing date for applications	8am Monday 29 January 2024
Date of interview	Friday 2 February 2024

Northern Ambition Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to complete an enhanced DBS check.