

## **Job Details**

Post	Head of Food & Catering
Hours	Full Time
Start Date	01 September 2018
Pay Scale	To be confirmed

Thank you for accessing details of the above post. I hope these details will give you an impression of an exciting opportunity to make an important contribution in one of the country's best schools. To that end, I include details about the School, the job and the Department at QES and QEStudio. I appreciate that there is much in addition that you would want to know and if there is anything specific you wish to know at this stage please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## The Post

Teaching Food and Catering these days can a challenging job – particularly in a national context that does not seem to celebrate its importance. Here we resolutely refute that context and have healthy numbers taking it beyond Year 9. We have invested in new facilities for this year and the exciting new QEStudio building planned for 2019 has modern professional catering areas; it is clear we are moving to a very exciting time and while this post will undoubtedly involve pressure, intensity and sheer hard work, it will also be highly rewarding and hopefully a lot of fun.

The substantive post will require someone who is able, willing and confident to teach right across the age and ability range to post 16. There is also an expectation that the person appointed will want to develop a career and to that end will be keen to make a significant contribution to our community. In other words, this post is more than just a job.

## The Person

With the development of the QEStudio this is a critical time in the School and new Trust's history and, in order to ensure the development of a successful school ambitious to improve still further, we intend to appoint only staff of the highest ability or with the greatest promise. Working here is demanding but the rewards are commensurate in a school with a strong, highly motivated staff, great facilities, a lovely environment and pleasant, friendly and highly motivated pupils.

I think we'll know the right person when we meet her/him but we remain open-minded about at what stage in a career the new person will be. It may be someone who has been preparing for such a post by working with responsibilities in a Department. Or it may be someone who is currently working as a Head of Department. Of course salary issues will definitely be the subject of discussion at interview but by all means do indicate in your letter of application if you have particular expectations.

We expect to appoint a Head of Food and Catering who has:

- · a keen intellect and an excellent academic background with a very good degree
- either a great track record of success or background in catering
- compelling personal qualities, an ability to form positive relationships with people and the ability to enthuse and inspire both pupils and staff
- impeccable administrative abilities and a highly efficient demeanour
- an ability to communicate effectively
- the ability to work hard under pressure
- a sense of humour and proportion
- a commitment to enhancing the community or extra-curricular life of the school
- a commitment to professional development

This list may seem daunting but please do understand that we have a supportive ethos and a commitment to structured professional development. The person appointed can expect much help, guidance and support.