

Candidate Information Pack

Job Title	Catering Assistant
Location	Ingfield Manor School

Dear Candidate

I am delighted that you have requested further information on our current vacancy. We are looking for a Catering Assistant to join us and become part of our successful team, giving the very best support to our community every day, because Ingfield Manor School believes in 'fulfilling potential' of every learner. This is a fantastic opportunity to work in an engaging and rewarding environment, supporting the learning of our young people with motor neurological difficulties.

We are committed to providing an excellent education for all learners so that we can equip them with the skills and strategies to live as independent a life as possible in the future. Ofsted inspected us in October 2023 and recognised that the school continues to offer a GOOD quality of education and safeguarding is effective. The inspection noted staff care deeply for students and understand their needs very well. In addition, staff dedication, warm and trusting relationships between adults and students, teachers who listen and make learning fun, an innovative curriculum, a tailored approach to the needs of students, positive engagement and students who go home happy.

In this role you will gain a wealth of experience and we can offer a solid training package to help you flourish in your role. Most of all we offer a welcoming team environment where everyone's contribution to the community is noticed and acknowledged.

Are you ready to take your place in the Ingfield Manor team? I am really looking forward to receiving your completed application.

Yours sincerely

James Winchester
Principal



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Ingfield Manor School is a non-maintained special school and part of Salutem Care and Education who have services across England and Wales supporting adults and children in residential and educational Environments.

Based in its our own idyllic grounds, Ingfield Manor School offers extensive specialist facilities with the aim to provide an exceptional learning environment, helping children and young people fulfil their potential. Facilities include woodland and outdoor classroom space, high specification sensory room and swimming pool.

At Ingfield Manor School, we believe everyone should have the opportunity to live a healthy, active, and fulfilling life, regardless of their background or disability. The aim of our services is to provide a safe and stimulating environment that enables children and young people to flourish and grow.

Our IMS provision caters for students aged 3–19 years with neurological motor impairment such as Cerebral Palsy and associated medical and sensory needs. Following the Conductive Education approach, Ingfield Manor School focuses on the holistic development of everyone, including their physical and communication skills.

Our Woodview provision is for secondary aged students with special educational needs including speech, language, and communication needs (SLCN) and autistic spectrum conditions (ASC)

We also have Beaumont Sussex on our campus, a Post-19 college for special educational needs and students with physical disabilities which is part of Beaumont College which offers pathways for students as they Prepare for Adulthood.

We are immensely proud of our school and our community. We are committed to providing the very best for young people while they are with us, helping them to develop the knowledge, skills, confidence and aspiration to succeed throughout their lives. We know that our staff team make the school what it is today and are the key to a successful future. Staff are well supported by the leadership team and are offered opportunities to progress. We know that each and every one of our staff have a pivotal role to play and we believe in supporting everyone to fulfil their potential. Ingfield Manor School is a rewarding place to work, and staff report high levels of job satisfaction.

Through working for Salutem we offer a comprehensive range of employee benefits designed to support you in various aspects of your life through our benefits platform Salutem Extras.

Some of these benefits include free online GP access for you and your family, ensuring that healthcare is readily accessible when you need it most. Additionally, our free employee assistance programme extends its support to both you and your partner, providing essential services such as counselling, financial advice, and legal guidance.

Ingfield Manor School has convenient road links and is a 10-minute drive from Horsham. There is a bus stop 10-minute walk from the school, a large car park for those travelling by car.

New employees joining Ingfield Manor School are guaranteed a warm welcome from the community. Our motto is that 'Fulfilling Potential' and we strongly believe that this should include our entire school community.

We look forward to getting to know you better and helping you to play your part in providing the very best to our young people.

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Reporting To	Catering Manager
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Job Overview

To assist as directed with all aspects of kitchen services at the school and be part of the small catering team. The work involves physical activities associated with catering work and lifting and handling of equipment and resources.

Hours 09:30 – 14:30 (25 hours per week). Term Time only (39 weeks).

Salary £12,934 - £13,045 pa (£11.60 - £11.70 per hour).
(FTE 52wks £24,128 - £24,336) *Dependent upon experience*

Job Responsibilities

- Assisting in the effective operation of the kitchen services
- Properly cleaning and sanitizing all food preparation areas and fridges according to established standards of hygiene.
- Washing and appropriately storing all cooking appliances, instruments, utensils, cutting boards, and dishes.
- Assisting with the preparation of meal ingredients, which includes washing, cleaning, peeling, cutting, and chopping fruit, vegetables, poultry, and meat.
- Sweeping and mopping the kitchen floors as well as wiping down kitchen walls.
- Assisting with the unloading of delivered food supplies.
- Organising and correctly storing food supplies.
- Stirring and heating soups and sauces as well as preparing hot beverages.
- Serving staff lunches and delivering/collecting hot food trollies to student areas
- Modification of food and drink textures in line with student's eating and drinking needs (following appropriate training)
- Compliance with all food health and safety regulations

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Job Responsibilities

- Maintain a high standard of personal and general cleanliness and hygiene to comply with statutory and school regulations.
- Ensure the physical environment is maintained to high standards of safety, hygiene and presentation.
- Undertake online training and attend training activities and/or meetings as required.
- Any other duties as may be reasonably directed by the Principal.

This job description should not be seen as all encompassing, and the post holder will be expected to undertake any other responsibilities appropriate to the post as identified by the company.

The post holder will further Salutem's vision and comply with the policies and procedures of Salutem and the school. This job description will be kept under review to ensure that it remains up to date. The post holder will be consulted about any proposed changes.

Salutem Care and Education are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All offers of employment are subject to rigorous pre-employment checks, including enhanced DBS, in line with our stringent safer recruitment policy.

Successful candidates for all posts will undergo a minimum of 6 months' probation period.

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Our Values

- We are **Supportive** by promoting opportunities for everyone so they can reach their full potential
- We are very **Ambitious** to provide the best possible outcomes for the people who use our services
- We are **Loyal** because we put the people that we support and our staff at the centre of everything we do, and we deliver on our promises. We also are committed to ensuring that our services are meeting the needs of all stakeholders
- We are **Unique** because we are ambitious and innovative about the diversity of the services that we provide without compromising quality
- We are **Transparent** by being open, honest and fostering a culture of mutual respect. We promote a culture where we learn by our experiences, and we are committed to doing things better and setting the highest standards in what we do
- We are **Engaging** because we work in partnership with the people that we support, our staff and all our stakeholders
- We encourage everyone to experience a **Meaningful** life by being aspirational and by offering opportunities

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Knowledge, skills and competency

Area	Essential	Desirable	Evidence
Professional Qualifications	Food and hygiene certificate		Application Form Interview Certificates
Knowledge	Diet, food hygiene, catering, health and safety	To be aware of GDPR and data protection	Application Form Interview
Skills	To be able to communicate clearly both verbally and in writing Ability to manage own time effectively Good organisational skills To adhere to safe practice		Application Form Interview
Experience		Experience working with young people Experience working in kitchens	Application Interview References
Personal Qualities	To be empathetic, supportive and promote independence and inclusion. The ability to use own initiative and be adaptable and willing to accept changing priorities. To be reliable, flexible and motivated	Act as a role model to the young people in all aspects of your working life	Interview
Other	Have a non-judgmental approach.		Application Interview

We hope you have found this pack useful. Please do take a look at our website as well for more information and to see lots of images of our staff and young people, to help you get a feel for the work of the school.

<https://www.ingfieldmanorschool.co.uk/>

For further information please contact James Winchester, Principal by phone 01403 782294 or email james.winchester@ambitoeducation.co.uk

Data Protection:

All information is stored securely and processed appropriately. Any information supplied by unsuccessful candidates will be destroyed through a confidential waste system after six months from notifying unsuccessful candidates, in accordance with our information and records retention policy.