

# Kitchen Porter (Part Time) Information Pack



'At The Bridge Academy, we believe that every child deserves the chance to succeed and we all work hard to make sure that happens'

| Hard Work | Integrity | Kindness |

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Dear Applicant,

Our Academy is an academic, inclusive and inspirational environment where innovative thinking and creativity are encouraged and aspirations are raised.

Our core values of Hard Work, Integrity and Kindness underpin everything that we do, and from the moment our students arrive at The Bridge Academy we ask them to live these values 100% of the time. Our approach of high expectations, rigour and a relentless focus on success means that it is cool to be smart at Bridge and all students work hard to reach their full potential.

Our award-winning building is outstanding. We have state of the art facilities and a wide variety of community groups we work with benefit from this. We value our staff members and we offer a professionally stimulating and supportive working environment. We hold a strong commitment to professional development and our staff enjoy a range of rewards and benefits, as outlined from page 5.

Our sponsors UBS, a leading global financial services firm, has led the establishment of our school from the outset and they continue to support us significantly.

Thank you for your interest in this position and we look forward to receiving your application by **9:00am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021.** The application documentation should be submitted to Priscilla Agyare, Human Resources Manager: <u>Priscilla.agyare@bridgeacademy.hackney.sch.uk</u>.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C. Brown Principal

# THE BRIDGE ACADEMY MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

We are an Academy on a mission: to ensure that every student can succeed at a good university or equivalent, thrive in their chosen field and live a great life. This has led us to develop The Bridge Academy values to guide our decision making and set our expectations for both students and staff:

#### Hard Work

- We do what it takes for as long as it takes.
- We remain positive and never give up.
- We never stop trying to get better.

#### Integrity

- We do the right thing, even when no-one is watching.
- We are always honest and do not make excuses.
- We take responsibility and do our best every time.

#### **Kindness**

- We have high standards because we care.
- We treat others fairly and respectfully.
- Helping a member of our team is helping ourselves.

Please refer to information on our safeguarding and child protection procedures via the following link: <u>https://www.bridgeacademy.hackney.sch.uk/Safeguarding/Safeguarding/index.asp</u>

# **STAFF REWARDS & BENEFITS**

We believe that working at The Bridge Academy is different from working at other Academies - we are always prepared to go the extra mile for our students to succeed. Our Academy has many unique aspects and one of them is the degree to which we care for our staff. A snapshot of some of the particular rewards and benefits are outlined below.

#### **Annual Salaries**

We offer competitive salaries including recruitment & retention allowances, in some cases.

#### Annual Season Ticket Loans

Staff members can apply for an annual season ticket loan where the cost of the season ticket is spread over 10 monthly payments, interest free.

#### Barbican Card

http://www.barbican.org.uk/

The Barbican card through UBS, is free for all staff members who request it. It provides a variety of benefits and discounts:

- Unlimited free access to Art Gallery exhibitions for all staff members and a guest
- 25% off standard price first run and regular release cinema tickets\*
- 25% off selected theatre and music productions\*
- 15% off food and drink at all Barbican restaurants, bars and cafes
- 15% off purchases at the Barbican shops
- Access to the Members Lounge with up to 3 guests (pre-booking recommended)

\*Subject to availability. A maximum of 2 tickets can be purchased per booking.

#### Cycle Scheme and Green Commute Initiative

http://www.cyclescheme.co.uk https://www.greencommuteinitiative.uk/

These bike schemes provide staff members with the opportunity to purchase a bike of their choice, tax free. This for most people means a saving of around 32-47% of the total cost. Payment(s) are deducted via payroll over a specific period.

#### **Employee Assistance Programme**

The Employee Assistance Programme, offered via UBS is a 24/7 confidential service giving all Bridge Academy employees access to a range of support from lawyers, health and wellbeing

professionals, financial and debt specialists and counsellors. This free service can be used to support you with any personal or work-related issues that may be affecting your wellbeing.

#### Mindfulness Programme

Headspace is a mindfulness programme offered by UBS to all Bridge staff. It is an app-based solution of guided techniques designed to help you find more balance, wind down after a long day and reduce stress levels. It also gives helpful advice on physical exercises and healthy living, improving your sleeping habits and increasing your energy levels overall.

#### **Optical Expenses**

A contribution up to the amount of £25 is paid on behalf of the Academy for staff who require an eye tests. A contribution of £60, is also available towards glasses, for staff who frequently use Display Screen Equipment (DSE) and require glasses solely for this use.

## Work + Family Space Services (Sponsored by UBS)

This service provides practical support, resources and information to working parents and carers, in order to assist them in juggling the demands of work and family. This includes:

- Backup Care: staff can book nannies, nurseries, childminders and/or adult and eldercare specialists when and where they need them. Staff are eligible to receive 10 free sessions of back up care per year.
- Help for fathers: topical information and Q&A responses looking at work and family from a father's point of view
- Confidential expert advice over the phone for all work and family challenges.
- Access to a range of holiday clubs nationwide, ideal for filling in awkward care gaps during the school holidays.
- Access to blogs, insider guides and webinars which provide guidance on a wide range of topics.

## Gift Vouchers for 100% Attendance

We really value the commitment of our staff members and as a token of this, each term staff who have achieved 100% attendance are included in a prize draw, offering them the prospect of winning vouchers from top stores.

## **Our Award Winning Building**

The quality of the working environment at The Bridge Academy contributes to the positive working atmosphere. We offer our staff members state of the art facilities & fantastic resources at our stunning canal-side location, just minutes from Haggerston Station and just over a mile from the heart of the City of London. Our facilities include the following:

## **Art Floor**

- 3 designer classrooms
- A Kiln room

• An Art terrace affording views of London landmarks including the Olympic Park, Canary Wharf and the City and the BT Tower.

# **ICT** suites

- 3 purpose built ICT suites, with retractable I-desks
- ICT facilities on all floors within the Academy

# **Music Facilities**

- A large separate and dedicated, fully equipped music area, with three large classrooms and 12 practice rooms
- A separate music media suite, equipped with bespoke Mac desks and music keyboards
- Hi-tech recording studio

# **Performance Hall**

- 370 seat auditorium with bleacher seating and a retracting dividing wall to create spaces on two levels.
- Cinema projection capability, instruments and AV lighting and sound systems.

## Sixth Form

- A bespoke Sixth Form block
- Provides both Cisco training and Microsoft in-house

# **Sports Facilities**

- A large sports hall, with a variety of sports resources
- Basketball facilities
- An Off-site Multi User Games Area (MUGA) and two Astroturf football pitches

# Pension Scheme Contributions

We pay in a high percentage of monthly contributions for teaching staff (Teachers' Pension Scheme) and Support Staff (Local Government Pension Scheme) members enrolled in these pension schemes.

# **Relocation Support for Teaching Staff**

New appointees joining The Bridge Academy on an annual salary below £30,000 may be eligible for additional support towards relocating to London. Applicants whom wish to be considered, should provide an additional statement with their application form, confirming details of the proposed relocation. Relocation support is not mandatory and the decision to provide support will be based on the applicant meeting a set of criteria.

**Social Events:** Lively staff social events are organised during the year, to ensure that staff members get the opportunity to unwind and enjoy a well-deserved break from work.

# **JOB DESCRIPTION**

Job Title:	Kitchen Porter (Part Time)
Reporting to:	Catering Manager
Annual Salary Scale Point Range:	Point 11 - 15
Starting Annual Salary Scale Point:	Point 11
Contract Details:	Permanent. Term Time Only
Working Hours and Days:	Part Time, 20 Hours Per Week, 12:00pm - 4:00pm on: Mondays - Fridays

## Key Tasks

#### **Catering Provision**

- To ensure that the kitchen area is cleaned and maintained on a rota basis.
- To assist in the washing and clearing away of all associated equipment, utensils and crockery in the catering environment.
- To prepare the dining area for service, which may include moving and/or setting up furniture, setting up trolleys and the cleaning and dismantling of these as required before and after service.
- To clean all catering areas to an acceptable standard.
- To undertake dishwashing duties.
- To assist in the preparation of hot beverages in the mornings and day time.
- To assist in the storage and rotation of food stocks.
- Any duties as required to ensure the dining area and kitchen is in a clean, hygienic and safe condition.

## **Health & Safety**

- To adhere to all procedures within the operations manual.
- To comply with the agreed Health & Safety Policy and COSHH Regulations with regard to food, equipment, materials and general safety.
- To safely operate kitchen equipment at all times.
- To report any identified repair of kitchen equipment immediately on detection to the Catering Manager or Chef.

## **General Responsibilities**

- To work as part of the catering team and to provide an excellent catering service.
- To operate in line with the ethos, culture, overall aims and policies of the school.

#### Other

- To work flexibly and undertake, when required other duties commensurate with the post, necessary for the smooth running of the Academy as required by the Catering Manager or Finance & Resources Director.
- Participate in professional development and training opportunities.

#### **Health and Safety**

The person appointed must at all times work within the requirement of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, current Health and Safety legislation and the Academy's policies and procedures.

This job description is subject to annual review.

# **JOB SPECIFICATION**

Qualifications & Experience	<ul> <li>Relevant qualifications (Desirable)</li> <li>Previous experience of working in a catering environment. (Essential)</li> <li>A certificate in food hygiene. (Desirable)</li> </ul>
Knowledge & Skills	<ul> <li>Health and Safety within a catering environment.</li> <li>Good communication skills.</li> <li>Ability to build and maintain excellent working relationships.</li> <li>Excellent attention to detail.</li> <li>Safeguarding children. (Refresher training will be provided)</li> </ul>
Personal qualities and characteristics	<ul> <li>Efficient and organised.</li> <li>Ability to multi task and be flexible.</li> <li>Ability to work under pressure or independently.</li> <li>Able to work well in a team and in a diverse work environment.</li> </ul>

**Kitchen Porter (Part Time)** 

Job start:October 2021Starting Salary Point:11Scale Point Range:11 - 15Annual Salary:Point 11: Pro Rata: £9,457 (FTE: £20,837)Location:South Hackney

'The best school I've ever worked at: the culture, the staff and students, the training, everything!' (staff member)

'I was amazed at what a great atmosphere the school exuded, how well turned out the children were and how polite and bright they all seemed' (visitor)

The Bridge Academy is a truly exceptional school. Our students' progress is consistently excellent for GCSE and A level, and our superb personal development offer means that over the last three years we have been national debating champions, enjoyed a host of sporting successes and won both the Incorporated Society of Musicians Gold Award and the Hackney Mayor's award for music.

We are seeking a Kitchen Porter to join our catering team. The successful candidate will be totally aligned to our values of Hard Work, Integrity and Kindness, and completely committed to our mission: to ensure that every student will succeed at University or equivalent, thrive in their chosen field and live a great life.

The daily responsibilities include, preparing the dining area for service, basic food preparation and other general kitchen duties. We need someone who has previous experience within a similar role, good communication and organisational skills, and the ability to multi-task. This is a term time only position, Monday - Friday from 12:00pm - 4:00pm, 20 hours per week.

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To apply for this position, please download the information pack, together with the application form and the additional information and monitoring form to complete. Please ensure that you read the information pack and our school workforce privacy notice. The application documentation should be submitted to Priscilla Agyare, Human Resources Manager:

<u>Priscilla.agyare@bridgeacademy.hackney.sch.uk</u>. We encourage applicants from all sectors of the community to apply. **The deadline for applications is: 9:00am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021.** 

The Bridge Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All appointments will be subject to the necessary safeguarding checks, including receipt of a satisfactory Enhanced DBS check and references.