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#JOB-2463876



London ,



No of positions : 1



Paid Position



40 hours per week



34000.00-36000.00 Pound sterling Annually



13/08/2026



26/08/2026

How to apply

Application Method :

Please apply to the vacancy by the following means:

Address:

<https://www.sodexojobs.co.uk/jobs/head-chef-in-notting-hill-prep-school-1b-thorpe-close-london.19236>



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Head Chef

Application Details

In order to work in Ireland a non-EEA National, unless they are exempted, must hold a valid employment permit. Please review the [Eligibility and requirements for an employment permit](#) if you are unsure of your eligibility to apply for this vacancy.

Job Description

Job Title Head Chef

Location Notting Hill Prep School, 1B Thorpe Close, London, W10 5XL

Salary £34,000 - £36,000

Hours 40 hours per week

Shift Pattern Monday – Friday 6:30am /7:30am - 3:30pm/4:00pm

Term Time Yes

Please note, the earliest start date is end of August 2026

Plan Your Journey | Traveline W10 5XL

Located in the heart of vibrant Notting Hill, our school is easily accessible, situated directly opposite Ladbroke Grove Underground Station and within a 20-minute walk of Westbourne Park Station. Excellent transport links include bus routes 7, 23, 52, 70 and 228 on Ladbroke Grove, with additional nearby services on routes 18, 28 and 295. As part of the Dukes Education family, you will join a welcoming and ambitious community where you can make a lasting contribution to pupils' success while developing your own career.

What You Will Do

Manage team rotas, daily briefings, and effective communication across the kitchen team.

Oversee ordering, delivery checks, stock control, and proper storage procedures.

Ensure allergen information is accurate, accessible, and updated, with daily briefings to support safe service.

Work collaboratively with other departments to deliver hospitality and special functions to a professional standard.

Support the Catering Manager with recruitment, training, performance, and discipline procedures.

Ensure staff work hygienically and always maintain exceptional standards of cleanliness.

Liaise closely with the Catering Manager to plan and execute school events, including those outside normal hours.

Apply knowledge of Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and nutritional requirements for Pre-Prep pupils to deliver age-appropriate, engaging menus.

Bring awareness of current food trends to keep menus fresh, modern, and appealing within a school setting.

Demonstrate resilience during peak service times and uphold Sodexo and school Safeguarding standards.

What You Will Bring

Proven experience as a Chef leading a busy, client-facing kitchen.

Strong leadership skills with the ability to motivate, guide, and develop a kitchen team.

Confidence using digital systems and basic IT for ordering, compliance, and communication.

The ability to perform well under pressure while maintaining high standards.

Excellent organisational and time-management skills.

A positive, proactive attitude toward learning, self-development, and professional growth.

High levels of self-motivation and resilience.

Recognised culinary qualifications such as 706/2, NVQ Chef qualifications, or equivalent.

What We Offer

A dynamic and supportive work environment

Competitive salary and benefits

Full training and protective uniform provided

Unlimited access to mental health and wellbeing support

Employee Assistance Programme for legal, financial, and personal support

Discounts, cashback schemes, and financial benefits

Career progression, learning opportunities, and apprenticeships

Cycle to Work Scheme and volunteering opportunities

- **Sector:** accommodation and food service activities

Career Level

- Entry Level

Candidate Requirements

(Essential)

- **Minimum Experienced Required (Years):** 1
- **Minimum Qualification:** Level 6 (incl Higher Advanced Certificate & National Craft Certificate)

(Desirable)

- **Ability Skills:** Catering, Interpersonal Skills
- **Competency Skills:** Collaboration, Teamwork