Head of Catering Vacancy
(Permanent Position)

The Vine Schools Trust

Start Date: 4th January 2027

We are looking for an enthusiastic and experienced catering professional to join The Vine Schools Trust and lead our catering provision across our schools. This is an exciting opportunity for someone with strong operational catering experience, excellent people-management skills and a good understanding of financial management. You will work collaboratively with our school teams and central Trust colleagues to develop a high-quality, consistent and financially sustainable catering service, ensuring excellent standards of food safety and compliance while creating a positive dining experience for our pupils.

This position is for 37 hours per week, Monday to Friday. The successful candidate will be required to work during all the school term including non-pupil days, plus two weeks over the holiday periods.

The ideal candidate will:
Have ambition, enthusiasm and the desire to make a difference;
Can demonstrate excellent organisation and communication skills;
Work well as part of a team;
Be committed to the ethos and aims of a Church School Trust.

In return we can offer:
A caring, friendly, Christian ethos that aims to develop everyone to their full potential and where every person is valued;
A supportive staff team;
A clear vision for the future.

Salary:
Vine Support Staff Scale 10, Point 34, £46,579.00, Pro rata £42,165.88.

Place of work:
A hybrid of Chelmsford office, school on site visits and home.

Applications close on 3rd December 2026.
Interviews will be held on TBC.
If you are interested in this post, please email any questions or your completed application form to debbie.mcmanus@dcvst.org.

A full job description and person specification, our Privacy Notice and our Recruitment & Selection Policy Statement are attached.

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