



# MALVERN ST JAMES

Girls' School

**POST OF**

**CHEF**

## MALVERN ST JAMES LTD

Malvern St James (MSJ) is a leading boarding and day school which presents an imaginative vision of education for girls from the age of 4 through to 18, taught within a positive, purposeful atmosphere. MSJ fosters creativity and bold thinking, challenging, and encouraging every girl to extend her personal horizons and realise her full potential.

MSJ is in the heart of Malvern in Worcestershire, two hours from London and one hour from Birmingham, having excellent transport links. Great Malvern station is situated opposite the School. The MSJ bus service covers five counties to pick up and return pupils each day.

The School is home to a warm and welcoming community – girls, parents, staff, and governors alike, enjoying the friendly and buoyant atmosphere of shared celebration, extolling personal success in every field of endeavour. MSJ offers a range of boarding options (ages 7 – 19) to fit in with the demands of modern family life and girls can choose from full, weekly, or flexi-boarding. Ofsted recognised the exceptional standard of boarding with an ‘Outstanding’ inspection judgement, which extends to all areas of Malvern St James. Malvern St James also received the highest rating of ‘Excellent’ in the ISI’s Educational Quality Inspection in May 2017. In March 2021, the School was awarded the Carnegie Mental Health Gold Award for its outstanding pastoral care and support for pupil and staff mental wellbeing.

Intellectual and social confidence, personal development and achievement lie at the heart of the School and each pupil is treated as an individual. MSJ promotes academic excellence and innovation in teaching and learning throughout the school which provide each girl with the challenges and support to develop her talents, character, and abilities to the full. We prepare pupils for the most competitive UK and international universities and pathways. This individual emphasis is complemented with teamwork, community values and the importance of service to others.

The School has excellent facilities which include an award-winning Science and Mathematics Centre, a Drama Studio, Music Centre in Avenue, several IT suites, and a multi-media Language Laboratory. The School has a brand-new Astroturf, launched in October 2020. At MSJ we use Microsoft and there has been significant investment and development of E learning in recent years with WiFi upgrades across the site. The School is currently creating a state-of-the-art Learning Hub centred in the Library and radiating out to learning zones throughout the School to support its commitment to innovation and learning and initiatives in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics).

The Year 13 Sixth Form Boarding House has recently been transformed in 2018 with an extensive, highly contemporary, refurbishment programme to provide a transition house for university and the next phase of this programme of improvements within boarding is currently taking place in Benhams, the new Year 11 Boarding House.

Girls take full advantage of the enviable setting and superb facilities, which inspire a wonderfully rich and imaginative extra-curricular life. They leave Malvern St James as poised, self-assured young women who are able to meet and embrace, with integrity, the challenges and risks of our modern world. The Good Schools Guide observed on visiting the School that MSJ is ‘full of girls who are going to change the world’!

Whilst a multi-faith community and non-denominational, the School is founded on Christian principles and has a Christian ethos which underpins the School’s daily life. There are regular opportunities for Christian worship.

We offer staff who come to work at the School:

- the opportunity to work with highly motivated staff and talented pupils
- commitment to your professional development
- convenient location in Malvern with excellent transport links
- competitive salary scale

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **JOB TITLE: Chef**

#### **The Role**

The post holder will be required to maximise customer satisfaction by delivering exceptional customer service. A requirement to be an ambassador for Malvern St James and the catering operation is essential. The post holder will perform consistently, adopt a positive outlook and work with enthusiasm towards the business' goals. There is an expectation that the post holder will work jointly with management to improve the standards, to offer suggestions for improvement, particularly within the areas of specific responsibility.

#### **Overall role statement**

To ensure the food offer is produced to the required standard within the set timescale consistently.  
To ensure the kitchen operates efficiently and in line with all legal and school guidelines.

#### **Specific Responsibilities**

- To produce and present all dishes to the defined standard whilst adhering to all school policies
- To complete all administration and ensure procedures are followed and maintained to the required standard, to include:-
  - Wastage records
  - Temperature records
  - Date labelling
  - Cleaning Schedules
  - Section Stock take
  - Allergy information
  - Daily production
- To assist the Head Chef with stock takes and stock management to the required standard
- To assist in the receiving, storage and issue of goods and ensure that the correct procedure is followed at all times.
- To ensure that the cleaning of the kitchen and storage areas are to the standard defined within the cleaning schedules
- To support, train and develop junior members of the kitchen team to retain, motivate and minimise labour turnover
- To comply with all current legislation related to food premises and conduct or participate with any training or meetings required to achieve the required standards
- To carry out any other duties as assigned by the Management Team

**All School staff are expected to:**

- a. work towards and support the School vision and the current School objectives outlined in the School Development Plan;
- b. support and contribute to the School's responsibility for safeguarding students;
- c. regularly review own practice, set personal development targets and take responsibility for own continuous professional development;
- d. work within the School's Health and Safety Policy to ensure a safe working environment for staff, students and visitors;
- e. work within the Equal Opportunities Policy to promote equality of opportunity for all students and staff, both current and prospective;
- f. maintain high professional standards of attendance, punctuality, appearance, conduct and positive, courteous relations with students, parents and colleagues;
- g. engage actively in the performance review process;
- h. adhere to policies as set out in the Staff Handbook/Teacher Standards and Regulations;
- i. undertake other reasonable duties related to the job purpose required from time to time;
- j. adhere to School Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies.

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

**Knowledge**

Qualified to Level 2 in Food Safety and Hygiene	Essential at application
Formal Chef qualification – NVQ / QCF Level 1/2	Essential at application
Sound knowledge of current food trends	Desirable
Knowledge of different cultural foods and dishes	Desirable

**Experience**

Experience of working in a commercial kitchen	Essential at application
Experienced in stocktaking and issuing of goods	Essential at application
Experience in understanding food costs and wastage	Essential at application
Experience in training and developing junior staff	Desirable

## Skills

Ability to communicate accurately and effectively in verbal and written English	Desirable
Ability to work under pressure	Essential at Interview / assessment
Good organisational skills	Essential at Interview / assessment
Ability to work on own initiative and as part of a team	Essential at Interview / assessment
Ability to deliver food quality standards consistently and to agreed specifications	Essential at Interview / assessment
Good interpersonal skills	Essential at Interview / assessment

## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Malvern St James is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

This job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post; it is to be enabling rather than restrictive. It will be reviewed at least once every two years and it may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after consultation with the post holder.

## **APPLICATIONS**

The completed application form, which must include all dates of previous employment and give reasons for any gaps in employment, an accompanying CV, together with a covering letter addressed to the Headmistress, should be returned to HR Department, by post to Malvern St James, 15 Avenue Road, Great Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 3BA, or by email to [recruitment@malvernstjames.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@malvernstjames.co.uk)

**A CV will not be accepted instead of a completed application form.** The personal statement within the application form should set out why you consider yourself a suitable candidate for the post citing relevant experience, previous achievements, and your vision for this role. The statement should not repeat the contents of the covering letter.

References of shortlisted candidates will normally be taken up before interview one of which should be from your most recent employer. Two satisfactory references are required before the appointment is confirmed. The appointment of the successful candidate will also be subject to satisfactory DBS checking.

## **BENEFITS OF WORKING AT MALVERN ST JAMES GIRLS' SCHOOL**

Malvern St James Girls' School prides itself on its warm, friendly and welcoming environment where all staff are encouraged to play a part in a successful and supportive community.

### **Pay**

We offer a competitive salary, taking into account previous experience and relative skills and abilities.

### **Pension Scheme**

After completing three months' employment with Malvern St James, Support Staff will automatically be enrolled into our Pension scheme, to which the School also contributes, this is subject to satisfying certain eligibility criteria and subject to the rules of such scheme as amended from time to time.

Death in Service Cover.

### **Sport**

MSJ Sports & Fitness Centre promotes flexibility as a key attribute to create fitter, healthier employees. Discounted membership for staff includes gym and swim and a wide range of classes. Membership contributions are taken by direct debit. The Sports Club provides many activities for members. These include a wide range of sports and regular competitions.

### **Other benefits include:**

Fee remission

Lunch provided