



Teacher of Food & Nutrition (Maternity Cover)

This is an exciting opportunity for an outstanding Teacher of Food & Nutrition to join this high-performing School in a maternity cover position. We welcome applications from those who are experienced teachers and also talented graduates interested in ultimately training to become a teacher.

Job Purpose

Food Preparation and Nutrition is taught to all pupils in Year 8 and as an option in Year 9. We offer the AQA GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition course and the Food Science and Technology IB Standard Level course in Sixth Form. We also offer cooking classes as part of the timetabled Activities programme. The department is well-resourced with two dedicated multipurpose teaching rooms, with multiple student kitchen areas, equipment, and integrated theory spaces, and supported by technicians. We use Google Workspace, all teachers are issued with School MacBooks, and students have School-issued iPads or MacBooks.

The role involves teaching Food & Nutrition in Key Stages 3 and 4 and the successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the extensive support offered to students outside the classroom both at lunchtime and after school. Furthermore, all teaching staff are expected to participate fully in the wider life of the School through extracurricular involvement.

Hours

Full Time, Maternity Cover (15th April 2026 to 2nd July 2026, or 13th March 2026 to 2nd July 2026 if available)

Report to

Acting Head of Food & Nutrition

Department

Food & Nutrition

Key Responsibilities & Accountabilities

- To be an effective classroom teacher who maintains an orderly, positive and purposeful classroom atmosphere and shares good practice through regular discussion and the promotion of forward-thinking ideas.
- To plan and prepare interesting and engaging lessons and help develop students as independent learners.
- To assess, record and report on the development, progress and attainment of students.
- To be a team player and work well with others.
- To safeguard the general health and safety of students and actively share and support the pastoral wellbeing of the student body.
- To promote the general progress and well-being of individual students and of any assigned group of students, including tutor groups.
- To contribute to departmental schemes of work.
- To communicate with and consult parents and any relevant outside bodies or agencies.
- To participate in all relevant meetings and undertake supervision and cover duties as required.
- To contribute to other aspects of education outside the classroom, e.g. games, clubs and visits.

Personal Specification

The successful candidate will be deeply committed to the success of every student studying Food & Nutrition within the School, have an understanding of current educational thinking and an innovative approach towards future developments in the subject area. Candidates need to have a relevant degree (PGCE not essential). We will consider well-qualified applicants with or without a PGCE.

Candidates will also need to have a clear understanding of the Food Safety and Hygiene standards. Experience of teaching Food & Nutrition in a secondary school is desirable, but not essential.

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Safeguarding responsibilities

- To adhere to the School's Safeguarding policy, which includes the staff safeguarding code of conduct, and KCSIE (Part 1);
- To communicate any safeguarding concerns as soon as possible to the DSL or a Deputy DSL. For any serious concerns, speak to a member of the safeguarding team and then record your notes on the online safeguarding reporting system, CPOMS. If you cannot contact a DSL or DDSL or member of SLT, contact the reception and admin team who will be able to locate them;
- To report any concern about the safeguarding conduct of a member of staff (or adult supervising children on the school site as part of an external let) to the Headmaster (or to the Chairman of Governors if the concern is about the Headmaster) and to self-refer as needed, following the Safeguarding Policy and Low Level Concerns Protocol;
- To ensure that you always wear your lanyard and challenge anyone who is not wearing a school lanyard or who is wearing a red lanyard while unaccompanied.
- To ensure that registers are completed for each registration period using iSAMS (as a tutor, this will be the am registration). Teachers or cover teachers complete the pm registration at the start of period 6;
- To be aware of the medical and SEND needs of the students in your care and contact the school nurses or Learning Support Department.

To find out more about this role, please contact recruitment@brentwood.essex.sch.uk, who will put you in touch with Academic Director, Hollie Carter, who line-manages the department.

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