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| **Job Title:** | Chef/Cook |
| **Department:** | Commercial |
| **Responsible to:** | Catering Manager |
| **Responsible for:** | Kitchen Assistants, Volunteers |
| **Pay Band:** | Officer : £18,818 to £21,954 (Pro Rata & Dependent upon experience) |
| **Tenure:** | Permanent 24 & 18 hours p.w. (Mon – Sun) |
| **Location:** | Wolseley Kingfisher Cafe |

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| **Job Purpose:** |
| To deliver a high quality food and beverage offering for our busy cafés at Wolseley and Westport Lake, whilst assisting the Catering Manager to maximise the revenue capacity of each facility. |

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| **Responsibilities:** |
| 1. Preparation of all menu items and working during service to cook menu items to order where necessary. To cook quality savoury dishes and snacks, together with baking a range of cakes, tray bakes and cookies. 2. To oversee the kitchen team of assistants, apprentices and volunteers as required, including basic food preparation, cleaning and dishwashing. To support the Catering Manager in maintaining a quality, safe and well-run kitchen. 3. To support the Catering Manager and to oversee the operation in their absence, in leading a team of catering assistants, to provide a high standard of food & beverage delivery. Including, on the job training, completing and maintaining relevant training and safety records. 4. To help ensure a high standard of cleanliness and hygiene are maintained throughout, completing all necessary monitoring and reporting forms. 5. To help ensure all food safety, customer care and hygiene standards are adhered to and relevant checklists completed. Ensure high standards of cleanliness are maintained within the Facility. 6. To complete till reconciliation’s, financial paperwork and occasional banking, in line with Trust procedures in the absence of the Catering Manager 7. To assist in the purchase/delivery of departmental supplies and understand the importance of stock control and minimising costs through correct storage, rotation and distribution of supplies 8. Ensure the catering team comply with the Trust’s Health & Safety policy, especially in regards to COSHH, accident reporting, risk assessments and fire procedures. 9. To actively promote departmental sales strategies and maximise revenue through recruiting new supplementary business (e.g. conferences & events) and special offers. 10. Other duties that may arise, as directed by your line manager   The position is not office based and requires hands on involvement in the day to day running of the Café. The position does not involve regular evening work, although the occasional event may need this to be the case. The position does involve weekend and bank holidays provision as per rota. You may be required to assist with other areas of work and therefore you should be prepared to undertake other duties, appropriate to the post, as delegated by your line manager. All staff are expected to abide by the relevant organisational policies and procedures. |

**Person Specification Job Title: Chef/Cook**

| **Criteria** | **Essential** | **Desirable** | **Assessment method \*** |
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| **Qualifications** | | | |
| First Aid Qualification |  | ✓ | AF/QC |
| Level 2 or 3 Food Hygiene & Safety | ✓ |  | AF/QC |
| **Experience** | | | |
| At least 2 years’ experience cooking within a food & beverage retail outlet | ✓ |  | AF/I |
| Previous experience of cash handling & completing financial paperwork |  | ✓ | AF/I |
| Previous experience of working to high food safety standards | ✓ |  | AF/I |
| Some experience of dealing with customer queries and complaints |  | ✓ | AF/I |
| **Skills/knowledge** | | | |
| Catering legislation to the level needed to run a café, including health & hygiene. |  | ✓ | AF/I |
| Knowledge of Word, Excel & databases |  | ✓ | AF/I |
| Strong team leader with the ability to motivate others and retain a high level of self-motivation | ✓ |  | AF/I |
| The ability to work well under pressure | ✓ |  | AF/I |
| A Systematic, methodical approach to work and the ability to prioritise | ✓ |  | AF/I |
| Good numeracy and literacy skills |  | ✓ | AF/I |
| Effective communication skills | ✓ |  | AF/I |
| Keen to develop new ideas and menus | ✓ |  |  |
| Possess a passion for cooking | ✓ |  |  |
| Some knowledge of retail practices and procedures |  | ✓ | AF/I |
| Some knowledge of environmentally friendly working practices. |  | ✓ | AF/I |
| ***Abilities*** | | | |
| Weekend and Bank Holiday working will be required and therefore a flexible approach to working hours is essential. | ✓ |  | AF/I |
| Job involves some manual handling such as  - Moving and setting up conference/event tables and chairs | ✓ |  | AF/I |

\* Assessment method:

* I = interview
* QC = qualification certificate
* AF = application form
* T = test or assessment
* P = presentation