



South Craven School



Candidate Application Pack

Catering Assistant



A Message from the Headteacher

I am delighted to welcome you to South Craven School, a large, thriving and successful comprehensive school situated in Cross Hills.

Learning is placed firmly at the heart of the South Craven School community. Our main priority is to ensure our students have the best opportunities for success and the highest possible aspirations for the future. We are proud of our excellent reputation in our local community and aspire to provide the highest quality of education for all of our students.

We recognise our responsibility to provide young people with the skills and qualities they need to respond to the challenges of a fast-changing world. We do this by promoting our South Craven Learner principles of Courage, Enquiry and Growth and focusing on preparing our students for life as active and productive citizens. We value each and every one of our students and aspire for them to achieve academically, socially and personally. Our formula for success is built on partnership between home and school, teacher and student, school and community. We are also part of the Red Kite Teaching School Alliance, where we work alongside a number of schools.

I hope you will want to visit us and meet the people that make South Craven a success: our students, staff and trustees. We welcome your interest and invite you to come and see the school for yourselves.

Martyn Hill
Headteacher



A Message from the Chief Executive Officer

I am both proud and excited to have been given the opportunity to lead the Trust in this next stage of its development, and to work with other school and trust leaders locally to ensure the very best education for young people in Craven, Pendle and across the wider region.

Apex Collaborative Trust is a vibrant, cross phase multi-academy trust formed by the merger of the Pennine Trust and South Craven Academy Trust.

Our trust consists of two secondary schools and three primary schools. South Craven School also has a large Sixth Form.

We are delighted that Pendle Vale College, in Nelson, will be an associate member of the Trust and has indicated an intention to join fully within the next 12 months.

John Tarbox
Chief Executive Officer



Apex Collaborative Trust

Apex Collaborative Trust is a values-led organisation. Our core values of Ambition, Collaboration and Trust are fundamental to our approach and shape our culture. We believe establishing a strong culture is the most important ingredient for our success, so that we create an ideal environment for learning where all members of our trust community can flourish. We are also committed to providing fantastic opportunities for our young people, so that they can fulfil their aspirations now and in the future.

Our Trust and schools must be rooted in our community. Many local families have an association with our schools across many years, and even generations. Deep relationships help us to develop knowledge and understanding of the community and to form effective partnerships with other institutions. These partnerships support holistic development of young people.

Staff benefits



Bike2work
scheme



CPD
opportunities



Employee
assistance
programme



Local
discounts



Occupational
health
support



Inspiring excellence and growth

- We set high expectations for our students, staff, and leadership.
- We challenge the status quo, encouraging innovation and creativity in education.
- We believe in potential empowering individuals to reach new heights in their learning and careers.
- We celebrate success, recognising achievements at every level.

In Action: We provide cutting-edge professional development, encourage students to dream bigger, and support schools in raising academic and personal aspirations.



Stronger together

- We share best practices, creating a network where knowledge flows freely.
- We support and challenge each other, working together to find solutions.
- We listen and respect diverse perspectives, ensuring every voice matters.
- We value teamwork, building relationships that foster trust and openness.

In Action: Schools under the trust work as partners, not competitors, pooling resources and expertise to deliver the best education possible.



Integrity, transparency and accountability

- We do what we say we will do, building confidence in our leadership.
- We communicate openly and honestly, ensuring transparency in decision-making.
- We hold ourselves accountable, measuring success by our impact.
- We foster a culture of psychological safety, where staff and students can thrive without fear of failure.

In Action: We ensure clear communication with parents, staff, and students, always acting with honesty, fairness, and responsibility.

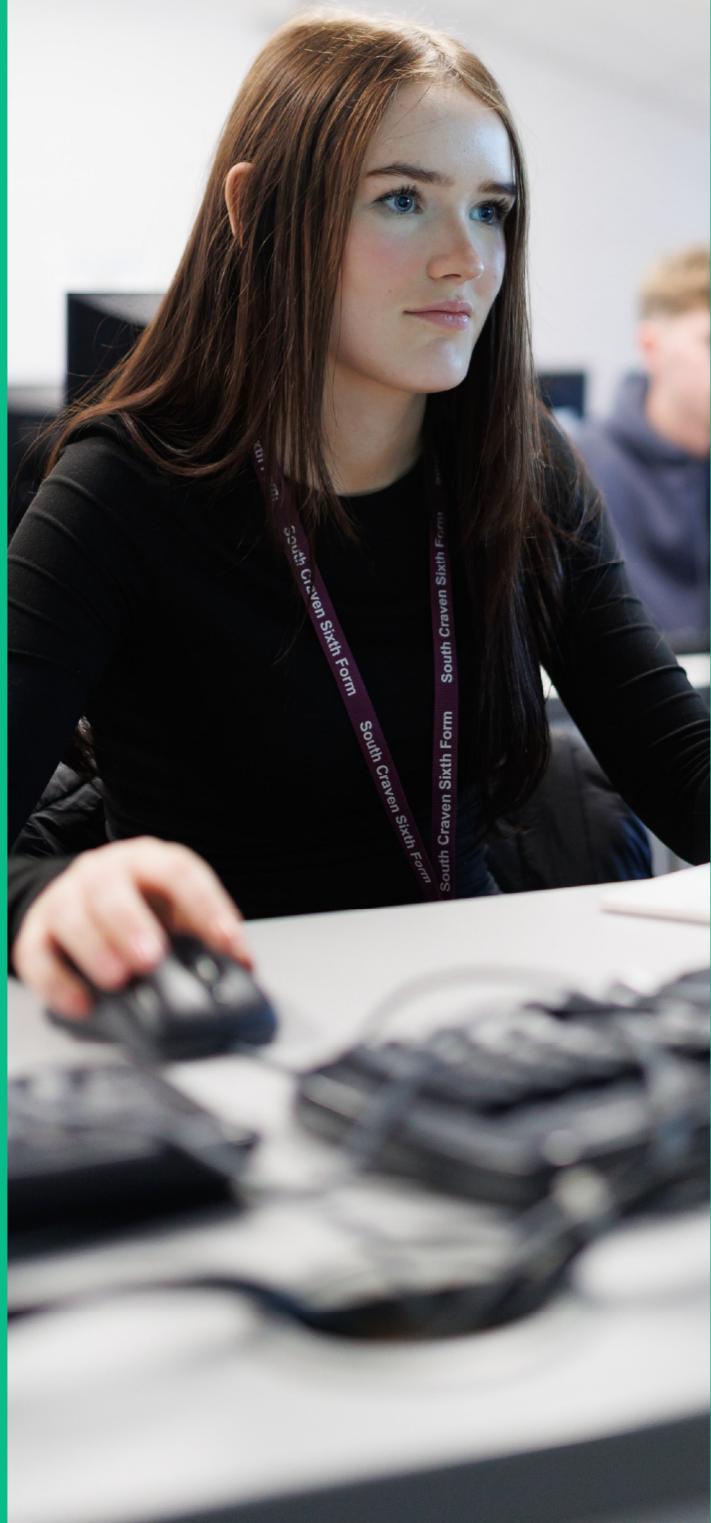
Safeguarding Statement

At Apex Collaborative Trust, the welfare of children is paramount and all schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

All staff will be expected to take responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people. Staff are responsible for their own actions and behaviour and should avoid any conduct which would lead any reasonable person to question their motivation and intentions. Staff should work, and be seen to work, in an open and transparent way.

Attitudes towards promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people will be scrutinised during the selection process for the post you have applied for. If you are appointed to this post, information in relation to safeguarding and protecting children and young people will be provided at induction. This practical guidance for safe working practice will provide information about which behaviour constitute safe practice and which behaviours should be avoided.

All post holders are subject to an enhanced DBC check. Our policy and practice are in line with the current Department for Education's *Keeping Children Safe in Education* statutory guidance.



Role Specification

Post:	Catering Assistant
Hours:	Part-Time, Term Time Only 27.5 hours per week, Monday-Friday
Salary:	Grade AB pt 2 - pro rata £15,659 (actual salary)
Start Date:	As soon as possible

An exciting opportunity has arisen at South Craven School for an experienced, highly flexible, enthusiastic and motivated Catering Assistant to join our busy and established Catering Team.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- To prepare and cook food as directed.
- To rotate as and when required between the Craven Kitchen, the Sixth Form Hatch and the Staff room.
- To assist in all general cleaning duties of these areas including deep cleaning as and when required.

The successful candidate should be able to demonstrate:

- Flexibility, which is essential in relation to their hours of work, should there be a need to cover an absence within the team.
- Excellent communication skills with both adults and young people.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

The successful candidate will need to hold the Food Hygiene Level 2 qualification or be prepared to obtain it immediately.

How to Apply

If you wish to know more about this exciting vacancy, please contact Alison Middleton, Premises Manager.

Telephone: 01535 632861

Email: A.Middleton@southcraven.org

To apply for this vacancy, please submit your application via MyNewTerm: mynewterm.com.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 23rd January 2026.

South Craven School is committed to meeting the needs of our diverse community and aim to have a workforce reflecting this diversity. We are also committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults. We have a robust child protection policy and all staff will receive training relevant to their role at induction and throughout employment. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This post is subject to satisfactory reference and enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records check for work with children. An online search may be undertaken for shortlisted candidates as part of the recruitment process on information available in the public domain. Candidates should disclose anything that may be relevant in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education.



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