

Independents by Sodexo pass the test at Leicester Grammar School Trust

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Independents by Sodexo has successfully extended its partnership with the Leicester Grammar School Trust for a further ten years.

Commencing in September 2022, Sodexo will continue to deliver catering and hospitality to the Leicester Grammar School (LGS) Trust's three independent co-educational day schools based in Great Glen, Leicestershire.

Sodexo has been the Leicester Grammar School (LGS) Trust's catering partner since 2013, providing breakfast, breaktime snacks, lunch and refreshments for after-school care. Menus at LGS focus on fresh, nutritious seasonal food and using the best of British fruit and vegetables when available.

Fresh bread is baked daily and there is a varied salad bar available at lunch. To help students adopt a healthier diet Sodexo uses only lean cuts of meat, trimming all excess fat before cooking and only using rapeseed oil for cooking and olive oil for dressings. To reduce levels of salt in our meals we use herbs as an alternative to salt.

It also operates the Café@LGS which is open to sixth form students, staff, parents, external clubs and visitors. The café is open Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings and offers a range of hot and cold drinks, pastries, panini, baguettes, hot sandwiches, freshly made soup, pasta and sweet treats.

Steve Hawkins, managing director (schools), Sodexo UK & Ireland said: *"We are delighted to continue our partnership with LGS and look forward to supporting in the planned improvements LGS has in place for the catering facilities. Our team at LGS developed strong ties with the school and embraces LGS' ethos and values every day and truly feel and act as part of the LGS family."*

All LGS senior school students benefit from Sodexo's Powering Performance programme for independent schools, which was enhanced earlier this year by The Healthy Futures Partnership, a collaboration between Sodexo and the British Nutrition Foundation. Powering Performance is an evidence based programme providing an exciting way to bring nutrition to life for children of all ages across a menu developed with guidance on healthy, sustainable recipes based on the principles of the NHS Eatwell Guide.

Stephen Jefferies, director of finance and operations at LGS added: "Sodexo's team have been an incredible support over the last few years when we were all navigating the unusual circumstances the Covid-19 pandemic put us all in. We are delighted to extend the partnership; they continue to serve popular and delicious meals for our students and we welcome their approach to striving to do more whether educating and encouraging the take up of more plant-based dishes or bringing to life the importance a healthy lifestyle and diet can have on their performance in the classroom or on the sports field."

The junior school has 395 students on its register; the senior school, 875 and LGS Stoneygate, which joined the LGS family in 2016, has 205 students ranging from 4 to 16 years.