



### **James Pickering - Head of Catering Services**

With over 30 years in the Catering and Hospitality sector James is an experienced and skilled Chef, qualified/accredited Food Hygiene Trainer, Auditor and a member of LACA; the food school people. James has used his extensive knowledge and experience to design and implement a robust and detailed Food Safety Management Policy that ensures that the Multi Academy Trust catering can continue to expand.

With previous experience of large scale, catering in the Royal Navy and the Care and voluntary sector to catering in restaurants and hotels. The knowledge gained from both large and small-scale operations has provided James with the drive to deliver positive outcomes.

Whilst working for the Academy James has utilised and broadened his skills to improve the Trust Catering Service. James's expertise is budget management, (FSM) compliance, menus, and catering innovation has ensured that the Trust has an extremely positive working relationship with the local Environmental Health service.

Despite his longevity in the catering and hospitality sector James' passion about food and nutrition continues to grow and he is always investigating ways to improve the catering service and at the same time reducing the expenditure of the service while improving standards.