



## Oasis Academy Brightstowe – BAM FM working together to change the food culture



### **Additional serving point**

BAM FM installed the PKL Food Cube at Oasis Academy Brightstowe in the summer term of 2011 as alternative serving point. The school pupil numbers were increasing during the years leading up to this summer and we felt an alternative 'fresh' approach to serving students would go down well. We currently serve 30% of our overall sales for break & Lunch through the food cube and this has massively alleviated the queuing space and prevented bottle necks in the main dining hall which couldn't accommodate the long term trend in increasing school intake. **The overall sales since the install of the cube have increased by 22%.**

### **Improved food quality**

At the end of 2012 BAM FM were successful in achieving our Bronze Food for Life award which has provided our customers with the assurance that we serve food they can trust. We are able to provide information to our students on welfare standards, free range produce and local sourcing. We are extremely proud to have retained our accreditation in November 2013 and are working towards achieving Silver later this year.

### **Extend lunch break**

Oasis Academy Brightstowe have supported BAM FM catering offer by introducing 2 sittings for students at lunch time, allowing 30 minutes for each lunch period to enjoy the dining experience. This has had a positive impact and helped to increase school meal uptake by 29%, since September 2011.

### **Teaching cooking**

Working with LACA, Oasis academy Brightstowe has been able to provide two separate, Craft Guild of Chefs, Family Food Appreciation Workshop programmes. This has given the opportunity for BAM FM Catering staff to be involved with, students and their families to attend after school sessions to help improve their cookery skills.

### **Extending service to hospitality**

BAM FM is involved in supporting Oasis Academy Brightstowe by providing a hospitality service at their annual awards evenings. These evenings recognise the achievements of students who are rewarded with an 'Oscars Award' style evening. This includes, fully dressed function room, drinks on arrival (non-alcoholic) with waitress service, homemade canapés and nibbles. Oasis Academy Brightstowe also use the BAM FM onsite hospitality for their end of term buffets in preference to using outside caterers.

### **Staff training**

BAM FM worked alongside Smart Training to provide on-going catering training to our employees who have been successful in completing NVQ Level 3 in food preparation, and level 2 food hygiene for all catering staff. This has been provided BAM FM employees an opportunity to develop and progress, when opportunities arise.