

Sally Fossey's move from kitchen assistant to kitchen manager



"It was a great move up to run this lovely school, with friendly helpful staff. I really enjoy this position and so glad I made the move up. Twelve months ago I didn't think I would be doing it! Thanks to all at Bedford Caterlink who thought I could do it, and for having faith in me, oh yes and for all the training!!

Sally Fossey

It was clear when we met Sally, a general kitchen assistant, she has potential to progress. We approached Sally, she expressed interest in progressing her career and becoming a kitchen manager.

Kim Upton our trainer set out a training plan for Sally and trained her in all aspects of running a kitchen, cooking skills and paperwork training. Kim regularly runs the 'kitchen managers training School'

After Sally had completed her training a vacancy came up in one of our small schools which seemed perfect for Sally. Sally received further on job training from Kim while in another local school and ran the kitchen exceptionally well and got on well with the school working with them to increase the take up of school meals.

Shortly after Sally applied and got the job to run a larger school kitchen. She received some further on job training from Kim and has fitted in well to the new kitchen and manages her 4 members of staff well. Sally is always willing to help out and most importantly produces excellent food.

Headteacher Chris Tavener. *"I am really pleased with the way that Sally has slotted straight in to the Kitchen Team here, the food is always to a high standard, she is always ready to help out and willing to try out new ways of doing things, the changes we have made for next Sept have been challenging, but great to work with someone who has a friendly flexible approach"*

Glenis Quinn from Bedford Borough Council *"It has been heart-warming to observe someone progress from a general kitchen assistant to realise her potential and become an efficient kitchen manager. Sally has the acumen and enthusiasm to continue to be successful if and be a positive influence on those fortunate to work alongside her"*