



# Kitchen Assistant

**Job Type:** Fixed term contract

**Contract length:** 8 months

**Work Location:** In person

**Pay:** Minimum Wage

## Job description:

This is a rare chance to be part of the Kitchen Team at Muncaster Castle & Gardens, one of the Lake District's most important heritage visitor attractions, set within 77 acres of stunning gardens and grounds.

Home to the Pennington family for over 800 years, Muncaster is a living, working castle, welcoming more than 60,000 visitors annually and hosting major festivals, weddings and events. The business is undergoing a once-in-a-generation transformation, with food and drink at the heart of its growth.

We are now seeking a Kitchen Assistant to become part of our exceptional kitchen team.

## Overview

We are seeking a dedicated Kitchen Assistant to support our culinary team in delivering high-quality food services. This role is ideal for individuals passionate about catering, cooking, and food preparation, with a keen interest in developing their skills within a professional kitchen environment. The successful candidate will play a vital role in ensuring the smooth operation of daily kitchen activities, maintaining food safety standards, and assisting with meal service. This position offers an excellent opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a busy catering setting and contribute to creating enjoyable dining experiences.



### ***Duties***

- Assist with food preparation and meal assembly, ensuring all dishes meet quality standards.
- Support the catering team in preparing ingredients and organising kitchen stations for service.
- Maintain cleanliness and organisation of kitchen areas, including washing dishes, utensils, kitchen equipment, floors, surfaces and storage areas.
- Follow food safety protocols at all times to ensure hygiene standards are upheld.
- Support the team during busy periods by performing various tasks as required to ensure smooth kitchen operations.

### ***Experience***

- Previous experience in catering, restaurant work, or a kitchen environment is desirable but not essential; training will be provided.
- Knowledge of food safety standards and basic food preparation techniques is advantageous but not essential, training will be given.
- Ability to work in a fast paced environment essential.
- A proactive attitude with a willingness to learn new skills within the culinary field is essential. This role provides an excellent platform for those looking to develop their culinary expertise while supporting a dynamic team dedicated to delivering exceptional food services.

### ***Accommodation***

Accommodation available at competitive rates for employees.

### **To Apply**

Please send us an up to date CV and brief cover letter saying how you meet the criteria and why you want this role to [hannah@muncaster.co.uk](mailto:hannah@muncaster.co.uk)