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Tender

The Judd School ~ Catering Tender

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Scope

Description

The Judd School is a selective boys' grammar school, established in 1888 in Tonbridge, Kent. The school is highly regarded for its tradition of academic excellence, its high attainment across all subjects, and its strong focus on intellectual curiosity and character development.

The tender project is seeking to appoint a Contractor whose initiative and innovation will be welcomed for the provision of service within the existing facilities. The services will cater for approximately 1540 students on roll (including a large, expanding Sixth Form cohort of 590) and approximately 160 teaching and support staff. We seek exciting new food concepts that satisfy the wide-ranging dietary requirements and the more mature tastes of our older students. The School would wish the successful contractor to review the current range of services offered and make recommendations accordingly.

The contract being tendered is for three years in duration from Sept 2026 to Aug 2029 and will operate as a Guaranteed Performance Contract, with the successful Contractor offering the School a guaranteed return per annum for the provision of catering services. Sovereignty of the cash tariff is to remain with The Judd School for the duration of this contract.

The School year is based on a calendar of 195 days. Five days are to be used for staff

professional development which means that School will be open to receive students for the legal minimum of 190 days.

The contract offered covers the scope for the provision of all catering services within the School, which currently includes morning break, lunch, all hospitality and free issue requirements. Free School meals and hospitality will be charged based on consumption and at net food cost.

The Judd School expects the successful contractor to enable the continued development of catering through the provision of an innovative, healthy food service, with fresh, seasonal, locally sourced ingredients being prepared on-site.

The successful tenderer must evidence, through their bid, how they shall support and complement the school's values of high achievement and holistic development.

Please see PSQ Document for more information.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://litmustms.co.uk/tenders/UK-UK-Tonbridge:-School-catering-services./U8852HKJUV>

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Total value (estimated)

- £2,866,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2029
- Possible extension to 31 August 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

3+2

Please see PSQ Document for more information.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Contract locations

- UKJ4 - Kent

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

10 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

10 April 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://litmustms.co.uk/respond/U8852HKJUV>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

No

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

18 May 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Criterion 1	Quality	70%
Criterion 2	Price	30%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

Please see PSQ Document for more information.

Contracting authority

The Judd School

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQYZ-6356-WCTM

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government