

PRESS RELEASE

Sodexo awarded contract at Holyport College



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Sodexo, the world's largest services company, has won a seven-year contract at Holyport College in Berkshire.

The £2.6m contract will see Sodexo provide catering and cleaning services to the school which opens in September 2014.

Holyport College will be a co-educational day and boarding school for students aged 11 to 19 years old. Eton College is Holyport's sole educational sponsor.

Opening under the Free Schools programme, Holyport College will provide exceptional co-educational day and boarding education for pupils aged from 11 – 19 years. The College will offer an all-round education and a strong community ethos, with high academic aspirations for all and a commitment to developing the full potential of every pupil – personally, physically and socially.

Sodexo will initially cater for around 120 pupils on-site which will rise to 500 within five years, with 45% set to be boarding students.

James Bell, the bursar for Holyport College said, *"The College is delighted to be working with Sodexo to provide high quality, best value services. We have every confidence that our pupils will be receiving nutritional, high quality food to help prepare them for learning every day. Together with our own staff and other partners, Holyport College is looking forward to working with Sodexo to create a clean, healthy and vibrant learning environment."*

Jeremy Alderton, managing director of Sodexo Independent Education said, *"Holyport College will be our first state boarding school which gives us a great opportunity in this growing market. Our resources and extensive client list in Berkshire helped us win this prestigious free school which has Eton College as its sole educational sponsor. The local Sodexo teams including our team at Eton College will help support the success of the brand new school that opens its doors for the first time in September."*

Candice Eves, business development director of Sodexo Independent Education said, *"As a brand new state funded day and boarding school, the catering and cleaning tender for*

Holyport College presented a unique and exciting opportunity. Working with my experienced colleagues, we compiled a bespoke proposal to meet the exact needs of the school in year one and beyond, as the school population grows.”

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