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Chartwells gets stamp of approval from South Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust

Chartwells, Compass Group UK & Ireland's specialist provider of catering to the education sector, has secured a new five-year contract with The South Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust to offer upgraded dining facilities and a new look food offer.

The contract will see Chartwells provide healthy and nutritious meals to over 2,000 children, across five primary schools including Ashburton, Buckfastleigh and Ilsington Church of England Primary School, plus two secondary schools – South Dartmoor Community College and The Atrium Studio.

In the primary schools, Chartwells will enhance facilities and develop a fresh and varied menu each day. Chartwells will use their team of expert nutritionists to host activities and information sessions for the children about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and eating a balanced diet.

At South Dartmoor Community College, there will be significant investment in the dining facilities, which will include a new dining room for students and the introduction of a grab and go outlet. Chartwells will also introduce its Global Adventures concept at the college, bringing exciting international cuisines such as Thai, Mexican, Chinese, Indian and Caribbean, alongside traditional British dishes, to the students at the school.

Richard Taylor, Managing Director – Chartwells, said: "We already work with several schools within this area and our work with them has enabled us to forge a strong relationship which will set a solid foundation for this new contract. We've now extended the offer across the multi academy trust, to develop a tailored proposition for each school and we are excited to bring these ideas to life for the next academic year."

Rachel Shaw, CEO - South Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust, commented: "Chartwells' approach to each individual school will ultimately be to the advantage of all the children attending our schools. Their fantastic food offer alongside the investment they will make into our facilities, will create a great atmosphere in which our students can eat and socialise."

The South Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust sits in the Dartmoor National Park and was formed in April 2010 by a group of local primary and secondary head teachers. Its aim is to work collaboratively to provide high quality education for 2 to 19 year olds within the local community.

About Chartwells

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We're 60,000 talented people bringing you all of the great tasting food, memorable experiences and vital support services that can transform every day into a great day. All of the little things that make the world of difference and boost the wellbeing of millions. We're here to inspire, protect, nourish and energise.

Chartwells, part of Compass Group UK & Ireland, is the leading provider of catering and support services to schools, colleges and universities in the UK. Chartwells works with over 2,300 education units including primary schools, secondary schools, academy schools, independent schools, colleges and universities.