

# Halal Food Policy 2024

Kent Catering recognises that the University is a multicultural community, with students, staff and visitors, who have differing religious and non-religious beliefs and ethics. Kent Catering is committed to ensuring that services provided meet the needs of this diverse community.

**Kent Catering does not operate any exclusively Halal kitchens.** Our kitchens also produce dishes that are Haram. For this reason, none of our kitchens are certified by the Halal Authority, and we cannot use the official Halal symbol.

However, we do strive to source Halal certified/ "Halal-sourced" meat for specific services and menu items, in line with our recognition of the diverse needs of our customers:

- Every mealtime offering at **Rutherford Dining Hall** will have a Halal-sourced meat option, including routinely serving Halal-sourced meat.
- **Rutherford Dining Hall's** Wok Bar offers a Halal-sourced meat option.
- **Dolche Vita's** *Three Little Birds Caribbean Street Food* range contains Halal-sourced meat: Jerk Chicken Thighs, Jerk Chicken Patties, and Beef Patties.
- All of **Hut 8's** chicken menu items routinely contain Halal-sourced chicken.
- All of **Mungo's** chicken menu items contains Halal-sourced chicken. Mungo's is also happy to offer a Halal-sourced alternative for any beef products.
- **Sibson Café, Dolche Vita, Gulbenkian Café, Rutherford Dining Hall, Mungo's** and **Bag It! Grab & Go** frequently stock Halal-sourced meat options in their *Grab & Go* range. Please check the labels for this information.

Where possible, Halal-sourced meat options on our table menus and menu boards will be identified with the abbreviation 'HS'.

## Codes of Practice for the Production and Service of "Halal-sourced" Dishes

- Any Halal meat supplied by our butcher will be Halal certified.
- Halal meat is covered, labelled and segregated (within the same refrigerator/ freezer) from other Haram products.
- Staff wash their hands before the preparation of Halal products.
- Where appropriate, staff wear new disposable gloves before the preparation of Halal products.

- Preparation surfaces, boards, knives and equipment are washed and sanitised before the preparation of Halal products.
- The dish **does not contain**: alcohol, pork or pork derivatives (e.g. bacon, ham, sausage), gelatine from animal source, or lard.
- All oils and fats used in the preparation and cooking of Halal dishes are of vegetable origin.
- Cheese used as part of the dish is vegetarian i.e. does not contain rennet from animal origin.
- Wherever practicable, Halal food is cooked in a separate oven. Where this is not possible the food is covered and the Halal dish placed above other dishes to minimise the risk of cross-contamination.
- During service, separate utensils are used for the service of Halal dishes.
- Hot food left over after service is discarded i.e. no food is reheated so there is no possibility of cross contamination from subsequent procedures.
- All production and service staff are trained in the above codes of practice.

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