



BH AREA HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION



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Helping Students Discover Careers in Hospitality

Since launching with Hospitality Connect in October, schools and hotels across Bournemouth have been working together to help students learn more about careers in hospitality. Through practical workshops, hands on encounters, assemblies and careers events, students are getting a better understanding of the wide range of roles available in the industry and what working in hospitality is really like.





St Peter's RC Comprehensive School & Marsham Court Hotel

Students from St Peter's have taken part in several activities with Marsham Court Hotel. The partnership began with a supplier-style networking event hosted at the hotel, where **63 students and teachers** met different hospitality professionals and learned about a variety of roles in the industry. Students moved around the room completing short activities and filling in booklets before finishing the session with a quiz. Later in the year, **eight sixth form students** supported a charity race night at the hotel in aid of **Julia's House**. Working alongside the hotel team, they helped serve desserts and sharing platters, supported guest service and assisted with collecting auction donations. The event raised **£2,480.50 for charity** and gave students a great opportunity to see how a large event is run behind the scenes.

Poole High School & Hotel du Vin

Hotel du Vin has introduced hundreds of students at Poole High School to the hospitality industry through a series of engaging sessions. The team delivered **two assemblies reaching around 600 students**, talking about different career paths in hospitality and sharing their own experiences working in the sector. They later returned to the school with **three managers and three chefs** to run practical sessions focused on catering and event management. Students were challenged to plan their own event using a set budget and client brief before pitching their ideas. At the same time, **60 students took part in a two-hour cookery session**, preparing **Chicken Chasseur with Pomme Purée and Jus** after watching a demonstration from the chefs.





St Aldhelm's Academy & Hotel Collingwood

Hotel Collingwood has been engaging with students at St Aldhelm's Academy through careers events and plans for interactive hospitality activities. After attending a school careers event, the hotel team began developing ideas for a hospitality experience day designed to introduce students to the different roles involved in running a hotel. Activities being explored include planning and costing a lunch event, organising bookings and taking part in a bed-making competition, helping students understand the practical side of hotel operations.

Twynham School & Captains Club Hotel

Captains Club Hotel has been working with Twynham School to introduce students to hospitality careers and provide work experience opportunities. The team attended the school's careers event, where they spoke with students about different roles within the industry and the skills needed to work in hospitality. The hotel has also been supporting a **Year 11 student through weekly work experience**, providing mentoring and hands-on experience within the hotel. Due to the interest from students, the hotel has increased the number of work experience placements available and is exploring further activities with the school, including practical sessions where students could try skills such as **pizza or bread making and mocktail preparation**.

Swanage School & Pig on the Beach

Pig on the Beach has been introducing students from Swanage School to hospitality through careers events and visits to the hotel. The team took part in a **speed-interview style careers event** with Year 10 students, giving them the chance to ask questions about working in hospitality. Students have also visited the hotel to see the **kitchen garden**, where they met the Head Chef and learned how ingredients grown on site are used in the restaurant.

Further activities are being planned, including culinary demonstrations, kitchen training and possible foraging experiences





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Building Momentum

The network is continuing to grow, with two new partnerships just launched in 2026. **Avonbourne Academies** are working with **Hampton by Hilton** and **Hilton Bournemouth**, giving students the chance to learn more about careers within large international hotel brands and see the wide range of roles involved in running a busy city-centre hotel.

At the same time, **Glenmoor & Winton Academies** have begun working with **The Orchid Hotel**, giving students insight into the day-to-day running of a boutique hotel and the different types of roles available within a smaller, guest-focused hospitality environment.

These new partnerships will help even more students across Bournemouth visit hotels, meet people working in the industry and explore the many different career paths available in hospitality.

