

Hospitality Connect Bulletin

Connecting Edinburgh's High Schools with the Hospitality Industry

Programme Overview

Between June and December 2025, the Hospitality Connect Programme successfully linked Edinburgh's high schools with some of the city's most prestigious hotels and hospitality businesses. This initiative aimed to provide immersive, real-world experiences for pupils, helping them explore the breadth of career opportunities within the hospitality sector. Through interactive workshops, hotel tours, practical challenges, and career-focused events, pupils gained valuable insights into roles ranging from front-of-house and customer service to culinary arts and event management. These activities aligned with Developing the Young Workforce aims, supporting employability skills, confidence building, and awareness of pathways into hospitality careers.

Wave 1 Highlights (June – November 2025)

Holyrood High School & Marriott Holyrood

- 6 November – P7 Think Ahead

Portobello High School & Sheraton Grand Hotel

- 10 June – Hotel Tour & Speed Networking (40 pupils, S4)
- 16 September – Customer service for any hospitality role.

Craigmount High School & Moxy & Hampton Hotels

- 11 November – DYW Information Evening (Career Fair)

St Thomas of Aquins & Leonardo Royal Hotel

- November–December – Practical Skills Series for S4 Hospitality Class



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Wave 2 Highlights (August – December 2025)

Forrester High School & Voco & Royal Terrace Hotel

- 29 August – AI in Applications Workshop (25 pupils, S6)
- Mock Interviews (24 pupils, S6)

Royal High School & Ibis – Hunter Square (Accor Group)

- 4 December – DYW Week: Languages & Business Skills (80 pupils, S2/S3)

James Gillespie's High School & Scotsman Hotel

- 17 & 19 September – Hospitality Careers Talks (200 pupils, S5)
- 7 October – Introduction to Hospitality Day (65 pupils)

Currie High School & Leonardo Haymarket

- 29 October – Barista & Cake Craft Hotel Takeover (30 pupils)

Queensferry High School & Apex Hotels – Waterloo Place

- Barista & Mocktail Session + Customer Service Quiz (17 pupils)

Trinity Academy & Kimpton Charlotte Square & The George Hotel

- 25 September – Hotel Careers Tour (8 pupils)
- 28 October – Industry Insight Session (20–30 pupils)
- Inclusive Pathways Event (120 families targeted)
- 10 & 12 December – Languages in Careers Presentations (180 pupils)

Impact at a Glance

- Schools Engaged: 10+
- Pupils Reached: Over 1,300
- Sessions Delivered: 20+ including tours, workshops, career talks, and practical challenges and inclusive Pathways Event

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