

# Hospitality Connect York Hotels



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## YORK COLLEGE DINNER

Hospitality Connect Schools and Hotels, and partners from NYBEP and York College, attended an exclusive networking event at The Cookery, the on-site training restaurant at York College.

An outstanding four course dinner was devised and served by Level 2 and 3 students, and between courses hoteliers gave an update on their activity so far as well as sharing what they've planned for the rest of the academic year.

Attendees also heard from York College who highlighted the many pathways within culinary, business and travel that can lead to a career in hospitality.

Commenting afterwards, Peter Harrison - Hospitality Tutor and Coordinator at York College said: "The inspiring work being done by Hospitality Association York (HAY) members with local school students truly showcases the potential of our industry"



## TOP NEWS

### STUDENTS ORGANISE NETWORKING EVENT

With help and support from General Manager Lionel Chatard and Julian Betteridge, Conference and Events Manager, students from Millthorpe School organised a networking event for business professionals at Middlethorpe Hall Hotel in December.

The pupil planning committee met weekly to organise every element of the event, including designing invitations, creating a list of guests to invite, speakers, entertainment and curating the canapé menu.

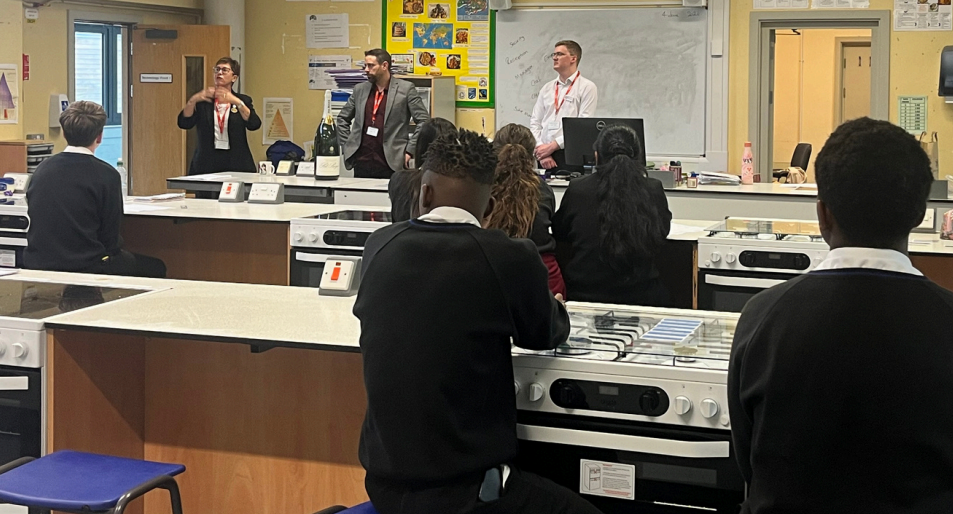
The event was hailed a huge success and guests included The Lord Mayor Cllr Margaret Wells & Sheriff of York Fiona Fitzpatrick, Mayor of York & North Yorkshire David Skaity and York Town Cryer Ben Fry.

Lionel reflected on the evening: "We have been so impressed with the sheer enthusiasm, dynamism, unflinching determination the students have demonstrated all the way through this project"

### PROGRAMME LEADS TO PART TIME ROLES

Over the last few months, pupils from All Saints Roman Catholic School have visited The Milner Hotel.

Three students in particular were so inspired by their visit, that they now have part time roles at the hotel, working around their education.



### The Milner & All Saints Roman Catholic School

- Hotel tour for a group of students studying Business
- Events planning presentation and tour of events space with Q&A session
- Mock interviews
- Talk at the school by HR around different roles within hotels and what it is like to work in the industry.
- Work experience attended by two students

### The Grand & Archbishop Holgate CofE School

- Work experience
- Chef demonstrations
- The Grand welcomed a choir from Samoa who were visiting the school, gave them a tour of the hotel, lunch, a visit to York dungeon and city cruises

### Elmbank York & Huntington School

#### PLANNED ACTIVITY

- Year 10 careers day - SM to be keynote speaker
- Careers fair at the school oold on this occasion
- Year 12 employability date - talk about the industry
- Work experience placement week

### Middlethorpe Hall & Millthorpe School

- Lionel attended the school careers fair
- Students organised networking event
- Lionel and Julia visited the school and gave talks to the pupils
- Pupils visited Middlethorpe Hall for a tour and a talk

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Stefan Micevski, Chair of HAY commented on the programme so far:

**“It’s fantastic to see so many fantastic outcomes so quickly from this project. My heartfelt thanks to all of the schools, hotels and partners making this happen - these partnerships and activities will have a remarkable impact on the future of Hospitality in York.”**

### Hilton York & Fulford School

- Students visited the hotel and had a tour, did a bed making competition

#### PLANNED ACTIVITY

- Pupil work placements are starting in June.
- Art students designing art for the breakfast buffet

### Dean Court Hotel, The Queens Hotel and York High School

Steve, Sam and Jack visited the school and gave a talk to pupils. Covered topics that they were really interested in such as the heirarchy of a kitchen team

### Middletons & Applefields

- Students visited the hotel and had a tour
- Adam went to the school and gave a talk

### Middletons & Danesgate School

Activity planned for the coming terms