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# HOSPITALITY CONNECT BULLETIN

Connecting Leeds high schools with  
the hospitality industry



## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Leeds is now proudly entering Wave 3 of the programme, continuing to demonstrate outstanding momentum and collaboration. A remarkable 13 partners are now active across the region, supporting schools including SEND and Alternative Provision settings, which is a fantastic achievement.



This year has already seen an impressive programme of hands-on activities and immersive industry experiences for students. Highlights include:

- Hotel show and job-roles workshop
- Banqueting table setting, plating and cooking workshop



In addition, every school has been invited to a dedicated tour at Leeds City College's Printworks campus, giving students valuable insight into the wide range of hospitality courses available.



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## END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION EVENT

Looking ahead, LHVA and Employment and Skills Leeds will be supporting each partnership to deliver a special end-of-year celebration event—hosted either at a partner hotel or within the school—bringing together parents, carers, and teachers to recognise and celebrate the impressive achievements of every participating student.

All students will receive a certificate of attendance, and each hotel will nominate a Shining Star award winner, spotlighting a student who has gone above and beyond throughout the programme.





### **MARRIOTT HOTEL LEEDS & MOUNT ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

- Cooking demo in school for Year 9
- Tour of hotel property for Year 10

### **HILTON LEEDS CITY & COCKBURN JOHN CHARLES ACADEMY**

- Hotel show-round for two groups in Jan 2026
- Group activities planned for May 2026

### **THORPE PARK & BISHOP YOUNG ACADEMY**

- Tour of job roles at hotel
- Scone making & bed making masterclasses
- Mock interview

### **DOUBLETREE BY HILTON & LIGHTHOUSE FUTURES TRUST**

- Hotel tour
- Table setting, bed making, towel art workshops
- Mocktail & pizza workshops

### **MALMAISON & WEST SILC**

- F&B & catering workshops

### **THE MET HOTEL & LEEDS CITY ACADEMY**

- Banquet table setting, plating up & cooking workshops

### **OULTON HALL & OULTON ACADEMY**

- Tour of hotel facilities
- Cookery masterclass
- Hotel takeover

### **ROYAL ARMOURIES & TEMPLE LEARNING ACADEMY**

- Chef visit at school
- Shine training
- On-site service training

### **DAKOTA HOTEL LEEDS & RUTH GORSE ACADEMY**

- Careers Fair
- Hotel visit
- Cake decorating, mocktail making & bed making workshops

### **WEETWOOD HALL & RALPH THORESBY SCHOOL**

- Tour of hotel facilities
- Kitchen tour & table setting workshop
- Housekeeping workshop

### **CEDAR COURT HARROGATE & HORSFOTH SCHOOL**

- Introduction & hotel tour
- Mocktail workshop & bed making competition
- Cooking class with chef

### **PARK PLAZA LEEDS & PUDSEY GRAMMAR**

- Careers Fair
- Hotel visit
- Chef masterclass

### **HOTEL INDIGO LEEDS & LAWNSWOOD SCHOOL**

- Tour of hotel facilities
- Cooking & presentation masterclass
- Mocktail masterclass

The programme has been measured in line with the Gatsby Benchmarks with **7 out of the 8 criteria's** encountered during the programme, ensuring students receive high-quality employer encounters and meaningful careers learning.

**Thank you to all the schools, hotels and partners who made this possible!**