

# Hospitality Connect York Hotels



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## RADISSON HOTEL YORK & JOSEPH ROWNTREE SCHOOL

Hosted two students for 1 week work placement who spent time in several departments

## ELMBANK YORK & HUNTINGTON SCHOOL

Attended Year 12 employability date - engaging with students, and talking about the industry

**PLANNED:** Work experience placement week - 14 - 18th July - a group of students will spend the week at the hotel, spending time in various departments

## MIDDLETHORPE HALL & MILLTHORPE SCHOOL

- Tour and Q&A with York College catering students - vegetable/herb/fruit gardens and kitchen, resulting in one student approaching the hotel for a role
- Two garden experiences with students from Millthorpe School

## HILTON YORK & FULFORD SCHOOL

Participated in the Fulford School Employer Careers Event, engaging with 140 students across nine carousel-style sessions.

Two speakers from the hotel (Margaret Rus, HR Manager and Lewis Thomas, Food & Beverage Manager) provided students with an overview of Hilton as a global leader in hospitality and shared insights into the variety of roles available in hospitality, while also addressing common misconceptions and challenging stereotypes about the industry. Lewis also shared his personal experience of progression from a casual role to a Head of Department, showcasing the career growth opportunities.

Students were encouraged to ask questions and participated in a fun, interactive quiz to test their knowledge and spark interest in hospitality careers.

## THE GRAND, YORK & ARCHBISHOP HOLGATE COFE SCHOOL

- 10x Year 9 Catering and Hospitality Students visited the hotel
- A Year 10 student did work experience in the sales and marketing departments
- 44x Year 10 Catering and Hospitality students visited The Grand
- Hotel Manager and Head of Marketing visited the school to watch student's group presentations as part of their project work

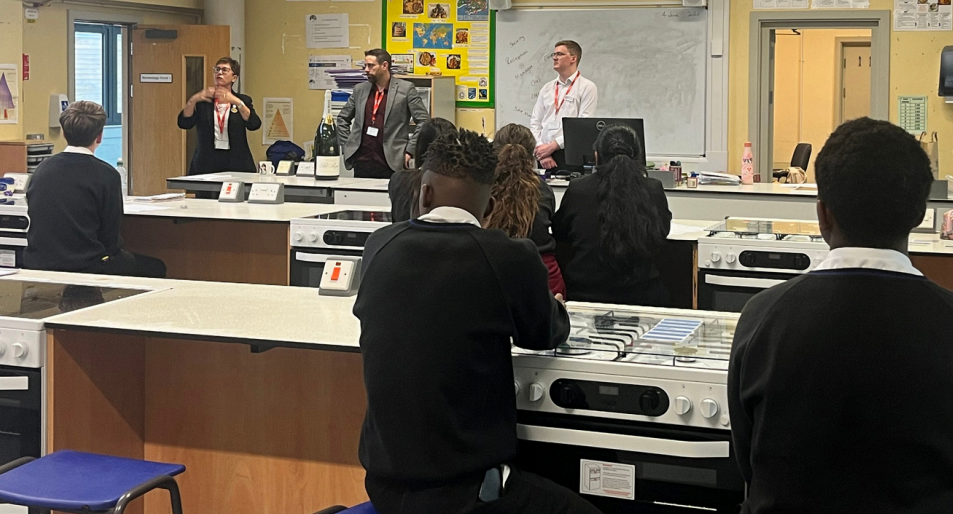
## MIDDLETONS & APPLEFIELD

Hosted a number of work experience students

## MIDDLETONS & DANESGATE SCHOOL

**PLANNED:** Head chef is going to do some cookery demonstrations and interactive sessions with students





“As we reach the end of our first full Academic year of the Hospitality Connect Programme, I’d like to say thank you to all of our school and hotel partners.

It has been a great success in York, and we’re incredibly proud of what this partnership between local schools and hotels has already achieved. We’ve seen some fantastic results, from students gaining real insight into the hospitality industry, to a number even securing part-time roles as a direct result of this project. The creativity and commitment shown by hotel general managers has been truly inspiring, the activities have really showed that hospitality can be a diverse, and rewarding career but also fun! It’s a shining example of what can happen when industry and education come together, and I’m excited to see how this continues to grow.”

**Stefan Micevski, GM Elmbank York,  
Tapestry Connection by Hilton & HAY Chair**