

Case study: Carnbooth House Hotel and Castlemilk High School

29th April – S3 pupils from Castlemilk High School visited the Carnbooth House Hotel for an employability session.

The pupils were welcomed by the Assistant Manager, who took them on a guided tour taking in: bedrooms, restaurant, kitchen, meeting room, garden and the extended gazebo area for functions.

The Assistant Manager explained the different types of jobs available in the hotel and also how much potential there was for career progression.

They were then introduced to the Head Chef, who explained how she started her career, and the countries that she had worked in before. The Chef also said the challenges and the benefits of the job and the skills needed to succeed in the industry.

The pupils were then invited to the function room where they had the challenge of setting a fine dining table with the different types of cutlery, plates and glasses.

The last task was to organise a wedding for 50 guests within budget. Different prices for menus, drinks, function room hire, band, flowers, wedding cake, dress, photographer, etc. were disclosed in the brief of the exercise and the pupils worked in groups of 5 to decide on the order of the tasks and on the budget per item.



At the end of the session, one pupil said: *“I did not know that chefs were able to travel to so many different countries”*. Others said: *“I did not realise how much work was involved in organising just one wedding”*.

The site visit to the hotel was a great example of businesses and schools working together and ensuring pupils have more information about the career opportunities within the Food and Drink Industry, which is currently contributing £10bn/year to the Scottish Economy. There are plans to expand the market and there is a need to attract talented young people to the industry.

“Our vision is to make Scotland internationally known as 'A Land of Food and Drink' and grow our industry to £16.5 billion by 2017. It's an ambitious goal but one that can be achieved if the industry works together, pools resources and knowledge and uses the Scotland Food & Drink brand to the best possible advantage.” – Vision Mission and Strategy at Scotland Food and Drink.

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