## FORTH VALLEY Developing the Young Workforce





Developing the Young Workforce is celebrating the achievements and resilience of young people across Scotland through the Young People Are Great campaign.

Here at Graeme High school we want to tell you about how our young people are great and how they are embracing the opportunities being offered by one of our local business partners, the Macdonald Inchyra Hotel & Spa. The opportunities have ranged from work experience, work placements, career insight days and job opportunities across multiple areas of the Hotel. We are extremely proud of all the pupils who have been involved and we know our young people are great!



I have really enjoyed attending the Macdonald Inchyra Hotel for a Maintenance work placement. It has gave me an insight into the work that goes on behind the scenes in a Hotel to keep it running smoothly

**S4 PUPIL BRANDON** 

Brandon Hamilton and Brandyn Marshall, S4 pupils, have enjoyed a work placement shadowing the Maintenance team. They have gained new knowledge and skills such as painting and grouting, valuable skills for life including time keeping, working in a team, confidence building as well as an insight into the Hospitality industry.

S3 pupil Michelle Mooney is on a 10 week work experience placement in the Spa, another vital area of the Hotel. Michelle has enjoyed shadowing the Spa's front of house who are an essential part of the team in keeping the Spa running smoothly, supporting the therapists and keeping it clean and tidy. Graeme High school also have a pupil who transitioned to the newly established Spa Academy at the Hotel.

And finally pupils on our S3 Employability programme chatted to Managers from different departments, learning about their routes and pathways from school to where they are today. They were given a tour of the hotel, provided with lunch and enjoyed taking part in hospitality taster sessions such as setting up a function room and learning how to clean and set up a hotel bedroom. This helped provide context to their learning back in school.

We wish to thank Brett and his team for supporting our young people.



The Macdonald Inchyra Hotel and Spa are delighted to support the DYW Young People Are Great campaign. Young people are integral to the success of our organisation and we are fully committed to offering pupils from local schools the opportunity to gain work experience and develop skills. The pupils who join us bring enthusiasm, a fresh perspective, an eagerness to learn new skills and be a part of our team. Working alongside the pupils also gives our staff the opportunity to further develop their mentoring and leadership skills.

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