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Dear Darrin,

Established in 1965 as a Guild of the Cookery and Food Association, the Craft Guild of Chefs has developed into the leading Chefs' Association in the UK and has many members worldwide.

Our members come from all aspects of the foodservice and hospitality sectors working in a wide variety of positions from students and trainees to top management. No other association boasts such a broad and experienced membership.

As an association representing the interest of chefs, our aims are clear:

- To increase standards of professional cooking through greater awareness, education and training
- To develop careers and prospects of our members
- To help members develop and maintain their knowledge, skills and ability
- To promote and participate in all levels of craft skills competitions in the UK and internationally
- To work with industry, education and the media to win greater recognition for chefs and their profession
- To endorse and promote the use of British and European produce, working with suppliers and manufacturers to create innovative menus and recipe ideas

We would like to provide our support to City & Guilds, as a Professional Association for the hospitality industry, we feel that the following qualification is suitable for a young person between the ages of 16-19 studying full time and will give that young person an advantage when going on to applying for a job or progressing onto further education. We value our partnership and links with City & Guilds and feel that as we are a professional body and industry, we also support the reference to professional within the title, we want to make sure the industry know that when learners achieve this qualification and present it to prospective employers they will be aware this has been

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achieved in a professional production kitchen similar to those in industry rather than a general domestic kitchen environment.

- City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Professional Cookery (450)

We believe this qualification is suitable for someone wanting to work as a chef in one of the following establishments:

- Restaurants
  - Regional
  - Michelin \*
  - High Street
- Hotels
  - Large chains
  - Rural
  - Boutique
- Café's

As a qualified chef, the industry will require that the necessary level 3 skills are covered. It is encouraged that learners achieve this qualification initially as this will provide the learner with all the required knowledge around commodities and financial control in the kitchen, essential skills before progressing on to further level 3 qualifications to enhance the advanced skills recommended.

This qualification allows the learner to gain the skills and knowledge, which we consider important to a role of this type in our industry. A learner would be expected to achieve all the following topics:

Topics:

- Legal and social responsibilities in the professional kitchen
- Financial control in the professional kitchen
- Stocks, soups and sauces
- Fruit and vegetables



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- Meat and offal
- Poultry
- Fish and shellfish
- Farinaceous dishes
- Desserts and puddings
- Paste products
- Biscuits, cakes and sponges
- Fermented products
- Chocolate products

We feel that once the learner has gained this qualification which covers a sound understanding and key practical skills for the hospitality industry they could take a position in one of the following establishments in the role identified.

Learners achieving this qualification are likely to be in a supervised role within their environment as identified in the table below.

	Branded/ chain restaurants	SMEs	Contract catering	Fine dining restaurants / gastro pubs	Restaurants in 3 and 4* hotels	Restaurants in 5* hotels
Level 3 Diploma in Professional Cookery	Commis chef/1st Commis	Commis chef/1 <sup>st</sup> Commis	Commis chef/1st Commis	Commis chef	Commis chef/1st Commis	Commis chef

We confirm that we consent to our company name (and logo) being made publicly available on the DfE and City & Guilds websites.

Yours sincerely

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