

Dear City and Guilds, SFA

Colchester Institute – Centre No 016431A
601/3141/X Level 3 Certificate in General Patisserie and Confectionery

Colchester Institute has delivered the above qualification for a number of years; launching and accelerating careers within the Hospitality Industry as a result.

The skill set taught on this qualification prepares the learner for employment with a broad range of employers. All learners are assessed for competence in desserts, cakes, pastries; dough's and confectionery. Below are two examples of learners now in key positions following achievement of this qualification:

- Nick Henn– Patisserie Chef for Raymond Blanc at Le Manoir.
- Ben Hambling – Head of Patisserie at Le Talbooth Restaurant.

Due to sector growth and demand, the General Certificate in Patisserie and Confectionery qualification is increasingly regarded as the essential level in industry. This qualification enhances skill diversity, employability and long term career prospects, providing employers with a flexible multi skilled workforce. Industry values the broad range of skills covered and the competence levels required by the assessment process.

It is instrumental in meeting the recruitment needs and aspirations of two local patisserie companies, and the growth within the patisserie sector nationally. The companies are investing heavily, with new multimillion pound facilities and a worldwide distribution network. The qualification has also been identified as instrumental in addressing skill shortages.

Our graduates have progressed onto a range of courses, which include the following:

- Level 3 Diploma in Professional Cookery
- Level 4 Diploma in Hospitality Management Skills
- Level 3 in Hospitality Management
- Degree in Culinary Arts HE

Some learners have progressed to full time employment from unemployed status and start-up businesses, which now employ additional staff that have undertaken the same course.

At Colchester Institute we intend to recruit approximately 30 19+ learners on to this qualification. We consent to our name and logo being publically available on the City & Guilds website.

I wholeheartedly support the continued funding of this qualification.

Yours sincerely

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