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The Bournemouth and Poole College's leading catering department has been listed as a finalist for the FE Week AAC Apprenticeship Award for 'Catering and Hospitality Apprenticeship Provider of the Year'. Being named as a finalist for the award in a year where the industry has faced so much disruption is an achievement in itself, and cements The College's reputation as an industry leader.

Being named as a finalist for the award means that The College has been noticed for its high levels of engagement with the employers offering apprenticeships, including Claridge's Hotel, The Ritz and The Dorchester. It's these relationships with employers that The College foster to ensure that the apprentices continue to achieve the results they aim for. The award recognises The College's outstanding commitment to its apprentices and apprenticeships.

Christophe Baffos, Director of Learning in Service Industries, was delighted to hear of the nomination and said, "It's magnificent to be recognised at a national level for the outstanding apprenticeships we offer. Our hospitality and catering apprentices are already well recognised within the industry as hard-working, reliable and successful, and now being named as a finalist for this award is yet another accomplishment for the department. We are known for our success within the industry with 98% of our apprentices gaining employment or staying with their apprenticeship employer. It's never been a better time to start an apprenticeship in hospitality as the industry begins to bounce back post-Covid, and we look forward to welcoming new apprentices to join us."

The finals for this award will be held in Birmingham in early July, and the team of staff involved look forward to attending (Covid restrictions permitting).

The College offers apprenticeships in hospitality at various levels of study and in different positions, from Hospitality Team Member to the prestigious Specialised Chef Scholarship. The award-winning Escoffier Restaurant and Coastline Brasserie both offer students the chance to practice and develop their skills as part of their studies.