

Press Announcement



For Immediate Release

We're having a FEAST!

Yeovil College is delighted to announce it has been successful in becoming a member of the School FEAST (Food Excellence And Skills Training) network, part of a national £220m scheme to revolutionise school meals over the next three years. Yeovil College is the lead partner for the South of England in a partnership with Somerset College of Arts and Technology.



Lord Bilimoria, Prue Leith and Raymond Blanc cutting the School FEAST Cake as part of the national launch celebrations.

The new School FEAST network will bring together training providers across England who will offer a wide range of training and support to all those involved in improving school meals, including school cooks, kitchen assistants, lunchtime supervisors, teachers, bursars and employers.

As part of the scheme Yeovil College will design and run a school feast mobile unit, which will visit both primary and secondary schools across south Somerset and north and west Dorset. The unit which will contain a fully fitted kitchen, classroom area and full IT facilities is hoped to be launched by spring 2008.

Peta Fraser, Department Manager for Hospitality said *"We are all thrilled to be part of this major project and are looking forward to working closely with local food producers and suppliers to increase nutritional awareness and provide healthy and "yummy" food choices in schools. This is set to be a really exciting project and we would love to hear from schools or local suppliers who would like to be part of the Schools FEAST project."*



Peta Fraser, Raymond Blanc and Suzanne Wainwright (Creative Industries and Humanities, Head of Centre)

Judy Hargadon, Chief Executive of The Trust said *"I am delighted to announce the School FEAST network and congratulate Yeovil College. School food has a deserved importance to the health and wellbeing of hundreds and thousands of children and young people. It is only right that we equip school cooks and those involved in school food with the skills and training they require."* More

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The School FEAST network brings together new and existing training establishments, sees the formulation of new partnerships and offers a consistent core offer of training. The added value of this formula is the flexibility for any centre or partnership to specialise or diversify into areas of special interest, which will develop over time. The School Food Trust is actively working to expand the network to cover other areas of the country, and will announce these via the School FEAST website.

If you would like to hear more about this project or find out how you can get involved, please call Peta Fraser on 01935 423921.

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