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## **Alfie's journey from catering student to head chef**



An alumnus has spoken of his journey from Richmond upon Thames College (RuTC) student to head chef.

Alfie Green studied Hospitality and Catering Level 1 at RuTC from September 2019.

After graduating from college, Alfie went straight into full-time work in numerous roles and even travelled across the world to Australia, where he worked as a chef for a year.

He said: “When I worked over in Australia, it was similar to things in the UK, however the dynamics were definitely different. It was all so good.”

Alfie currently works as a head chef at a pub in Farnborough, Hampshire, where he runs a small kitchen team of five staff.

Explaining how his studies prepared him for this role, Alfie said: “I was pushed to my limit when learning in the kitchen at RuTC and I would always listen to what the head chef would say to me. This has shaped me into the chef I am today as I have learned structure and discipline and how to run things smoothly during service.

“I know first-hand that no other teachers push their students as hard as the teachers at RuTC. I was proud to be a student and I would love to have the chance to see my old teachers again and give advice to the new generation going into hospitality and catering.”

When asked what advice he would give to a student considering a career in the hospitality industry, Alfie said: “My advice would be the same I was given many years ago: If this is the career you really want to pursue, then you have to be willing to sacrifice a lot, but the reward for it will be life-changing.

“You have to put in the hours and grind daily to aspire to be better than you ever could be, push yourself past limits you didn’t know you had. And one day you’ll be able to share your skills with the next generation.

"Being a chef is a stressful job and it does have its bad days, but there are so many more good days and it is by far the most rewarding job and career I’ve been a part of.”

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**Note to editors:** Following a merger in 2023, HRUC (Harrow, Richmond and Uxbridge Colleges) has rapidly evolved into a thriving educational hub with three colleges and a strong apprenticeship provision.

The diverse and aspiring college group now serves nearly 15,000 learners across west and south London, offering a range of courses, including A-Levels vocational programmes, T-Levels, and apprenticeships. The College group also proudly supports over 850 learners with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), providing tailored programmes and internships to help them thrive.