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In this term's edition of Believe and Achieve we celebrate the opening of Skills Bridge's very own Harrogate Chocolate Factory Café and follow its story from the beginning. We also take a sneak peak at what has been going on with our Skills Centre learners as we look forward to moving back to North Park Road. We can't wait to get back! Have a great summer.



The Harrogate Chocolate Factory Café opens for business

The Harrogate Chocolate Factory Café is now open for business. It's just across the road from HS4LC and sells cakes, drinks and lunches...and our own chocolate, of course!

Do pop in sometime for a warm welcome, refreshing drinks and tasty home-made food.



Have you decided what you want to do next term at HS4LC Skills Centre?

To get you thinking, here are some of the things we got up to in summer 2021.



Cooking and eating meals from around the world and enjoying warming, healthy soups. Learning cooking skills for fun and for independent living.

Enjoying drama, music and movement.



Hearing our favourite songs and playing air instruments - and real instruments.



Making up routines and feeling the beat as we dance to rock and roll, 80's pop and Agadoo!





Exploring the senses of "sight" and "taste" in the Super Sensory Sessions. These red velvet buns were colourful and delicious as well!



Challenging our minds with quizzes and word games and testing our throwing skills in our Games Group.

Baking delicious cakes and tray bakes in the Baking Group. This lemon drizzle was awesome. Skills tutors are going to have to set up a Slimming Club next year at this rate!



Making short cartoons in our Computers: Films and Animation Group with nothing more than paper, crayons, a tablet and our rather wild imaginations.



Making beautiful things in our craft groups. Check out some of their lovely creations on page 6. Special thanks to Sally, whose bright and cheerful flowers were used to decorate the heading on page 1 of this newsletter.



The Harrogate Chocolate Factory.

2018-2019

2019-2020

Autumn 2019

Training from the York Chocolate Story in melting and moulding chocolate is passed on to interns.



There is lots of tasting (yum!) and experimenting to perfect our own tasty, dark chocolate.



The team runs a pop-up café at COGs in Knaresborough.



The interns learn how to make chocolate right from cocoa beans to a wrapped bar of chocolate.



The kitchen is full of the noise of grinding, blending and knocking out air bubbles.



They bake and test cake recipes and serve cakes, coffees and lunches to paying customers.



The heavenly smell of chocolate fills the air...



Sweet Success - the story so far...

Late 2020

Harrogate Chocolate Factory chocolate goes on sale to the public through the new website.



Hundreds of chocolate bars, including our new vegan milk chocolate, sell out almost at once.



ilke Homes commission Skills Bridge to make 370 Hampers to give to their clients for Christmas.

Spring/Summer 2021

In spring builders start work, turning an old bike shop into the Harrogate Chocolate Factory Café.



Stray Ferret journalists visit the new cafe in June, while the interns are in training.



5 July 2021

The Harrogate Chocolate Factory Café opens to the public and is an instant success.



It makes nearly £1,500 in its first week and is going from strength to strength.



Crafty learners' picture gallery

We were dazzled by colourful pictures of animals and mermaids this summer in the stitching and paper crafts groups. What Fantastic Beasts! An A-Z book of animal pictures made by the craft groups is coming soon, so watch this space...



Mandy (below) made a lovely scrapbook with Chris Holmes in memory of her mum, Patricia. She filled it with family photos, pictures of her mum's favourite things and some happy memories.



Susan, Emma and Jennifer show off some of their beautiful creations.



Celebrating some Believers and Achievers

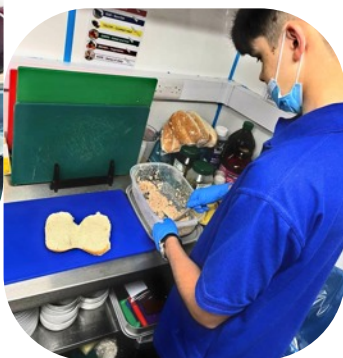
Enterprising learners reap rewards

Learners in the HS4LC enterprise groups were awarded with their share of the profits of sales in July. The Baking, Chocolate Heaven and Soup enterprise groups made products which they sold to staff and other learners.



Chrissie and Paul are pictured here receiving their money. Well done to them and all the other learners in the Enterprise Groups. We have all enjoyed eating what you made!

Skills Bridge interns step up to a bright future



Congratulations to Skills Bridge interns Laura and Conner (pictured left) and Kelsie who have been appointed as paid workers in the Harrogate Chocolate Factory Café on Saturdays. They attended interviews and each had a trial session at the cafe before they got their jobs. We wish all three good luck in their new roles and for their future careers.

Meet Kelsie

Kelsie (right), who has attended Skills Bridge since 2019 has experience as a paid carer. She is now making the most of the chance to learn hospitality skills at the café while she decides whether she wants to follow a career in care or catering. “I just love helping people and making a difference”, she says. “Kelsie, has been a useful pair of hands during a really busy time”, adds tutor Sinead. “She has really stepped up and been very professional.”



Fun in the great outdoors with HS4LC

Summer took its time coming, but when it did we wasted no time getting out and about in the fresh air. Here are some of the activities we have enjoyed.

The Allotment Group planted potatoes, enjoyed the shade in our new gazebo and picked strawberries, rhubarb, spring greens and garlic for some tasty salads and crumbles.



Wednesday Wanderers and the Out and About Group roamed in Harrogate, Ripon and the Dales on foot and using our own Ford Transit minibus.

