

Work Experience

We offer one week work experience tasters to young people about to leave school or college to help them decide if they want to apply to join our training programme. Normally we do this between January and June. Last year, however, we were approached by St Thomas of Aquin's High School who asked if we could take one of their pupils for a week in December. Although it was a very busy time, we offered Rannoch a place in the bakery.

We were delighted when we received this letter of thanks from Rannoch.



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Dear Patrick, Kathleen and the team,
Thank you for letting me help out in The Engine Shed Bakery on my work experience week. I enjoyed being introduced to all the bakers and doing all the jobs although after each job I wasn't sure of what to do next until Patrick was able to tell me. It was nice of him to take the time to help me when he was so busy doing his usual job as well as making all the mince pies. Also I enjoyed buying my lunch upstairs in the café. The food they served was so good. I even enjoyed at that time of the day meeting an old school friend called Carlo who works in the café. I always liked making bread dough by grinding oatmeal flour in a machine and pouring it in a big bowl and then carrying it over to a mixer where I mixed it up then pouring it into a bowl. Also I liked making oatcakes by using a round cutter and cutting circles out of the dough and using the spare dough to make more. Even I liked washing up the equipment and asking where everything goes. At the end I felt shy and nervous to leave and go back to school since I was tired after being emotional about being at a real place of work for the first time in my life on one week.

With best wishes

Rannoch