



Two European students have been experiencing the best of Plymouth [hospitality](#) whilst working at The Duke of Cornwall Hotel as part of hospitality partnership scheme with [City College Plymouth](#).

Dalila Aimo, 19, is a trainee chef from Bardolino, Italy and has been broadening her culinary repertoire in the Duke of Cornwall's kitchens. She said: "British cuisine is so different from Italian cooking, so I was worried at the start. Even something as simple as being asked to make a 'Marie Rose' sauce - I'd never heard of it! But the chefs have been so good teaching me that now I know exactly what to do."

Manon Rosseel, 21, from France, is hoping to pursue a career in food service and has become a familiar face to visitors to the Duke of Cornwall's restaurant. She said: "I really love it here - the people are so friendly. Working here has meant that I can learn in the moment and it is nice to learn like that."

The students are working at the hotel as part of the CHASE Network - a European exchange with [City College Plymouth](#). The students spent the first two weeks with other aspiring chefs from across Europe, brushing up on their [English skills](#) at the College, as well as learning some English cookery basics in the kitchens there, before embarking on an 18 week work placement in restaurants and hotels in the Plymouth area.

Jonathan Morcom, Director of the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, said: "Our hotel has been involved in the exchange programme from the beginning and I was even aware of it when I was a student at the College. Having students from different places in Europe really adds to the team and gives us the opportunity to learn different cultural skills as well educating our visitors in English cuisine and service. Manon and Dalila have fitted in perfectly at the hotel and we have really benefitted from their great work ethic and skills, particularly over the busy festive period."

Funded through the Erasmus Plus programme, the CHASE Network is a European partnership collaboration focused on providing cross cultural work experience and training for students pursuing a career in the hospitality and catering sector. [City College](#) students are currently studying local cuisine in Sweden, Germany, Italy, Finland and France. The College is a founding member of the organisation, which recently celebrated its 25 year anniversary.

Those interested in developing their culinary skills into a career can find out more at the [free College Open Day](#) on Saturday 6 February, 10.00am to 1.00pm, at Kings Road. Please visit cityplym.ac.uk/events or call **01752 305300** for more information.