



Moor House School News and Events

Young Chef of the Year - 12th February 2008

The article below appeared in the Tandridge Chronicle newspaper:



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Chef Simon Boyle and Titsey and District Rotary Club president David Simmonds with young cooks from Moorhouse School

Young chefs are a hit in the kitchen

DORMANSLAND-based chef Simon Boyle said he was stunned by the quality of cooking displayed by five young students taking part in the Titsey and District Rotary Club Young Chef of the Year competition.

The students were all from Moorhouse School in Hurst Green and the competition winner, Calum Loughran, will now go on to the Rotary district final to be held at Cranleigh on 14 February.

District winners will go through to the Rotary regional final in Banbury on 15 March and regional winners entered into the RIBI competition due to take place in April.

As part of his prize, Calum will receive some special training from Simon of Beyond Boyle, which offers organised events and private dining, and creates opportunities for homeless and vulnerable people through work placements and train-

ing. Simon also has his own restaurants in Soho and Nottingham and will shortly be opening another near the Tower of London.

He will be working with Calum on improving his menu of baked salmon with courgettes and celeriac followed by zesty citrus posset. Each of the students had been asked to prepare a two-course meal for two costing £10 with either an oriental, Indian, European or Australian theme.

All the students were presented with certificates and book tokens, while Calum received a cash prize and will enjoy a special lunch with Simon, Titsey Rotary Club president, David Simmonds, who was one of the judges, and his parents.

"These young people have got some excellent life skills," said Simon. "I was stunned at the quality. They understand flavour, seasoning and textures. I was not expecting that."

Report by Daphne Mace, Food Studies teacher:

"Calum spent a very hardworking and intensive morning on Tuesday 12th February with Simon Boyle and the press consolidating his menu.

On Thursday 14th February Calum competes in the Regional Final to be held at Guildford County School."