

Taste of Success Final

Schoolchildren from across Doncaster have taken part in a catering competition to mark the launch of a new course in the town.

Teams of students from all of Doncaster's secondary schools took part in the Taste of Success competition, funded by Objective 1, as part of the launch of the new 14-19 Hospitality and Catering Diploma, which will start in September 2009.

The final of the competition took place at Doncaster College's Hub campus in June with pairs from Rossington School, McAuley School, Hayfield School and North Doncaster Technology College putting their culinary skills to the test. Each pair had £5 to spend on ingredients to cook two courses with Hayfield School coming out on top.

The diploma will be available at a number of venues across the town and delivered through a collaborative – called Taste for Success. Students will gain literacy, numeracy and other skills whilst also honing their hospitality and catering talents.



Doncaster students taking part in the Taste of Success competition.

Activity product is best medicine for healthcare firm



L-R: David Heaton, Activ4Life Sales & Marketing Director; Ian Revie, Activ4Life Chief Executive and Peter Pridham, SYIF Investment Manager.

A healthcare company is set to launch a brand new technological system to help speed up patient recovery.

Activ4Life Healthcare Technologies, at Kroto Innovation Centre, Sheffield, has devised a 'smart pedometer' to record how active a patient has been. The company was established in February 2007 and has now gained backing from South Yorkshire Investment Fund with both seedcorn funding and equity investment.

Activ4Life received an initial £125,000 Seedcorn Fund loan from SYIF just nine months after being established. It used the funding to develop a series of working prototypes and achieve product orders in excess of £100,000. Following this, Active4Life received a further equity investment of £125,000 from SYIF in May 2008.

Activ4Life provides detailed records on what a patient has been doing, offers projections for what they need to what they need to achieve and reports back to their consultant or GP.