

## BaxterStorey donates funds to launch Beyond Food Foundation's new 'Beyond the Classroom' initiative

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BaxterStorey is delighted to have donated £1,719.30 to [Beyond Food Foundation](#) to help set up 'Beyond the Classroom' – a new initiative aiming to support young people who sit outside of mainstream education.

A percentage of each of our [Society festive sandwiches](#) sold during the festive period across BaxterStorey's locations in the UK was donated to the charity.

The programme, developed and launched by Beyond Food Foundation will offer a broad range of support, ranging from work experience placements, training, and mentoring. It is aimed at supporting young adults, who may be leaving the care system, known to the criminal justice system or who are educated out of mainstream education.

Students are taught by industry respected chefs and introduced to inspirational people who can share their life journey and offer insights into how to overcome barriers. As part of the programme, students will visit marketplaces, coffee shops and farms, as well as experience eating in well-known London restaurants. They will learn to create balanced menus, understand how to budget and shop for appropriate ingredients and taught how to prepare and cook fresh food for themselves and others.

Beyond Food Foundation is currently in contact with twelve Pupil Referral Units across London, looking at long term programmes that will influence students aged 11-17.

Greg Bramwell, director of food said: "We're incredibly proud to be supporting Beyond Food with their 'Beyond the Classroom' programme through our Society festive range. It's a fantastic example of doing

good through the power of food. We hope the money raised by our wonderful customers and operations teams goes a small way to supporting young people from disadvantaged backgrounds in giving them a life changing opportunity to gain work experience.”

Beyond Food Foundation founder, Simon Boyle, added: “This is an incredible programme with real employment opportunities for kids that need someone to inspire and support them into building a future for themselves. Unfortunately, many fall into difficulty when they leave the care system, and this life-changing programme will hopefully break the cycle by bringing them into a team environment where they feel safe and supported.”

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