

## 'Forward with Marcus Wareing' programme evolves at Compass

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[Compass Group UK & Ireland](#)'s prestigious 'Forward with Marcus Wareing' programme has announced the next 15 chefs that will embark on the culinary training scheme, as part of its third cohort of participants.

'Forward with Marcus Wareing' is an enhanced programme, which runs alongside a Level 4 Senior Culinary Chef or Level 5 Operations Departmental Manager apprenticeship standard – delivered in partnership with national hospitality training provider, HIT Training. The best-in-class apprenticeship equips chefs with exceptional culinary skills and is brought to life through added value enrichment activities, delivering practical experiences to the group.

Originally launching in August 2021, the first Forward with Marcus Wareing cohort have now achieved their Senior Culinary Level 4 Apprenticeship – all have achieved a distinction grade. While cohort 2 are mid-way on their journey – having been mentored by cohort 1, they will now become mentors for the newest participants.

The programme continues to evolve – following an in-depth review of the manifesto, Compass has decided to add new content to the programme to reflect key business and industry developments. One new focus will be using culinary skills to adapt to the ever-changing landscape of technology use within the business. To continue to grow culinary talent in line with Compass' Climate Net Zero ambitions, Chefs on this programme will now have direct access to thought leaders (both within Compass and external experts) who are advising the business, with the aim of growing their knowledge in this space. In addition, some of the sessions will take place at regenerative farming projects, learning about agroforestry systems and cooking outdoors with sustainable British ingredients. Plus, chefs will be committed to working with community groups, passing on culinary skills and knowledge to deliver social value.

Marcus Wareing said: “The last two years have been a great experience and I am so pleased to see our committed participants development. This industry never stands still, so it is good to see the programme continually updated, so that it remains forward thinking. Congratulations to our newest cohort, I am looking forward to working with them all.”

Jonathon Foot, Head of Apprenticeships and Early Careers, Compass Group UK & Ireland said: “We have continued to build on the programme with sustainability, technology and of course culinary trends at its heart. I love to see the confidence and skill of each person grow and that’s why it is particularly important to emphasise mentoring, from Marcus and Compass chefs, but also previous and current participants who are passing on their knowledge.”