



Students Jess Commings, left, and Sophie Jordan, right, alongside executive chef Darren Iddon as they prepare for Raithwaite Hall's grand opening

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Budding chefs train at new hotel

WHITBY and district catering students have been offered the chance to learn their trade at a new hotel.

Yorkshire Coast College students will take on work placements at Raithwaite Hall which is due to open in October.

Students split their learning time between the hotel itself and the classroom, giving them a real-world taste of what they have been studying.

The students are set to play a

crucial role preparing the cuisine for the grand opening, and Darren Iddon, executive chef at Raithwaite Hall, said the most promising students could be offered permanent jobs in the future.

He added: "The students that are taking part already have an enormous amount of talent, and I have no doubt they will go on to be great chefs."

Bonita Hodge, principal of the college, said: "It is very exciting for our students to be getting this

opportunity to work at Raithwaite Hall as it prepares to open.

"We understand the importance of giving our students the chance to train in realistic environments.

"I'm sure this will be a real benefit to our students and will stand them in good stead for the future."

Three apprentices will be part of the hospitality team working at the hotel at its opening.

● IT is chef Darren Iddon's turn In The Hotseat this week – turn to page 12.