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# Take a byte with City of Bath College!



Students studying for the ABC Awards Level 2 Certificate in Pastry Cooks and Patisseries are in for a real treat at City of Bath College. Learners at Bath get the chance to combine work for their ICT Key Skills certificate with evidence for their ABC Awards Qualification.

Course tutor Steve Benison, who is also an external moderator for ABC Awards, has cleverly integrated ICT Key Skills into the evidence collection methods used for the Pastry Cooks and Patisseries course. Students use digital cameras within the workshops to photograph their culinary creations. This not only serves as an excellent record for the centre of candidates' ability, but also provides candidates with documented evidence of their skills for future employers to see.



The students use their dedicated ICT Key Skills lessons to carefully construct comprehensive portfolios of evidence using PowerPoint presentations. The portfolios are fully annotated by the students and provide readers with a week by week photographic insight into the produce they have created. Within their ICT lesson, Steve combines Key Skills knowledge requirements with the Pastry Cooks and Patisseries course theme. Students learn to use the internet as a valuable research tool to cost the price of opening a restaurant from acquiring a venue to purchasing the cutlery. Candidates use spreadsheets to calculate the cost of various menus and how best to price these for customers. Learners also use software to create colourful and engaging menu designs.

The students said that they enjoy using computers to document evidence for their Pastry Cooks and Patisseries course and, as one student exclaimed 'everything is done using computers these days'. Another student stated that using the computer 'makes it easier to keep track' of work.

Steve believes that the increased use of ICT in every course is the way forward, and would like to see the Pastry Cooks and Patisseries course become entirely paper free within the very near future.

