

Maltings Academy Head Chef publishes children's book

Guest author works with English department to help students with reading and writing

Newly published children's author Paul Skilton, Head Chef for Cucina Restaurants at Maltings Academy Witham, has been working with the school's English department to help students develop a love of reading and writing. Paul's book: 'The Search for Daisy's Stolen Treasure' is the first of a planned series, 'The Daisy Daydream Collection'.

Chef Paul, who works for the school catering firm Cucina Restaurants, and who has himself had to face the challenges of dyslexia, was invited to give a guest presentation to a Year 7 group by Lisa Shannon, the school's Director of Inclusions.

After reading extracts of his story to the class and asking questions about how he came to write his book, Paul helped students to devise and develop characters for their own stories.

After the session, Lisa Shannon said: "Paul's book was ideal for this group. It was such a surprise for them to see that the guest author I had invited was actually the Head Chef from their own school restaurant. The students loved the session and have already started writing their own stories."

Paul Skilton said: "I am really lucky that Cucina actively encourage us to become a part of their school. As well as teaching students about food, I have also had the opportunity to help them with their reading and writing."

When he is not running the school kitchen, Paul is busy planning and writing the next books in his Daisy Daydream series.

Notes to Editors

- The Daisy Daydream Collection is available to buy on Amazon here: <http://www.amazon.co.uk/The-Daisy-Daydream-Collection-Treasure/dp/1499092121>
- Cucina Restaurants, the first school catering firm to install trained chefs in school kitchens, works in a variety educational partnerships with its client schools across England
- The Maltings Academy, recently rated as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, is one of the most spectacular educational success stories in the UK

Picture: Year 7 Maltings Academy students show character ideas inspired by Head Chef's book 'The Search for Daisy's Treasure'



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