

Leeming Pilkington and Lewisham College

Lewisham College works with Leeming Pilkington delivering a comprehensive range of National Vocational Qualifications to staff working in our workplace restaurants, fine dining, hospitality and vending sites. This training is aimed at helping the business improve standards of work performance whilst also making work places more efficient in terms of staff becoming multi-skilled. In conjunction with the College, Leeming Pilkington has put together training programmes for catering assistants and managers. Some of these qualifications are seen as way of professionalising the role of employees within the business ensuring they have the right skills for the right job. We are currently working with catering assistants and managers delivering a combination of craft based vending & hospitality service, cookery and management training relating to employees job roles.

Training is delivered flexibly in the work place so employees do not need to be released from their work apart from the occasional time in order to take exams. Assessors from the college come in to the work place sites/operations and assess the quality of the work being performed by each member of staff. Some of this training is being funded by Train to Gain, the Government's new initiative aimed at training employees in the work place to achieve formal qualifications.

Lewisham College is one of the country's leading training providers working with businesses to identify their training needs and designing and delivering training solutions which deliver a measured business impact. Lewisham College is a Centre of Vocational Excellence for the delivery of Hospitality and Catering training and has recently been awarded the Learning & Skills Council Beacon Award for Exemplary Practice in Employer Engagement.