



FIESTA FLAVOURS & TEAM SUCCESS!



MAY 2026



Hacienda Mexicana Theme Day – A Huge Success! 🌮

This month's theme day transported pupils to the vibrant flavours of Mexico! 🌶️🌮

Our secondary schools enjoyed a menu featuring:

🌮 Barbacoa Chicken Burrito with pink pickled onions & guacamole

🍗 Chicken Mole with spiced rice & cornbread

🥔 Flautas with cheesy potato, rice & corn

🍰 Mexican Chocolate Cake

The theme day brought colour, excitement and plenty of flavour to our dining halls, with pupils embracing the Mexican-inspired dishes.

For our primary schools, pupils travelled Out of This World! 🚀🌕 with a space-themed menu and activities, bringing learning and food together in a fun and engaging way.



🌍 New Menu Launch – Destination Dining

We're excited to have launched our new primary and secondary menus, bringing fresh energy and global inspiration into our kitchens.

A standout feature is our new "Destination Dining" concept – African Roots, showcasing African heritage dishes developed through feedback from across the business.

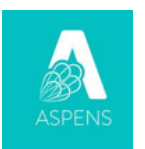
Alongside the food, we've also introduced new menu designs and clear banner displays, making it easier for pupils to read, understand and engage with the offer.

A great step forward in both food quality and customer experience!





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Investing in Our People

At Aspens, we believe great food starts with great people, and we're committed to developing talent across our teams.

We're pleased to share that three members of the COLAT catering team are currently enrolled on apprenticeship programmes, helping them build new skills and develop their careers within school catering. 🙌

We are also now accepting applications for our September 2026 apprenticeship intake. These programmes are a fantastic opportunity for both new starters and existing team members looking to progress their careers. Available courses include:

- 👨‍🍳 Level 2 Production Chef
- 👩‍🍳 Level 3 Senior Production Chef
- 🍷 Level 3 Hospitality Supervisor
- 📊 Level 4 Hospitality Kitchen Manager

Whether you're looking to develop a current team member or recruit fresh talent with a passion for hospitality, apprenticeships are a fantastic way to invest in the future. A huge well done to our current learners—we look forward to following their journey and celebrating their achievements. ✨



New Radnor Spring Flavours Arrive!

There are some exciting new drinks on offer for our Sixth Form students with the launch of four new Radnor Spring Sparkling Water flavours:

- 🍒 Black Cherry & Blackcurrant
- 🥭 Mango & Passion Fruit
- 🍍 Pineapple & Grapefruit
- 🍓 Strawberry & Raspberry

With just 12 calories per bottle, no added sugar, and added B Vitamins, they offer a healthier alternative while still delivering plenty of flavour.

The new range has already generated lots of interest and is a great addition to our grab-and-go offer, giving students even more choice throughout the day. 🥤 ✨

