

### Timeline of Events

Hospitality and Housekeeping students are invited to take part in a national competition held at Derwen College, in Shropshire, on Friday 19 June 2026.

- Applications welcome: Monday 8 December 2025 – Friday 20 February 2026.
- First round entries (including support statements) to be sent: Friday 13 March 2026.
- Successful entries will be informed by Friday 27 March 2026 and must be available for the live final on Friday 19 June 2026.

### Entry Requirements

- Competition is open to all Hospitality and Housekeeping students from colleges of Further or Specialist education, and aged 16–25.
- Competition is open for learners working at Entry Level 3 and below.
- Maximum of 2 groups of 2 students may enter per provider.
- This is a paired competition and 2 entrants will be working on the same bed.

### Competition Task

2026 celebrates the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Competitors will design and create a king bed set up with a '**Commonwealth of Nations**' theme. You will need to submit the plan of your design for the first round of the competition along with any statements of support by Friday 13 March 2026. This will then be judged by a variety of impartial judges working in the housekeeping sector. The competition will take place in our onsite hotel and finalists will be provided with a time slot.

Finalists will be invited to Derwen College on Friday 19 June 2026 to execute their designed plan and will be given one hour to complete this.

#### The competition will require each pair to:

- Identify correct bed linen
- Identify any defects on bed linen (if very noticeable then it must be changed)
- Put a sheet on bed, making sure it is even both sides and
- Sheet to be tucked in attempting corners on all corners straight (flat sheets only will be provided)
- Put pillowcases on, making sure they are the right way
- Put duvet on bed
- Put duvet cover on right way
- Duvet positioned at top of duvet cover and placed evenly across pillows
- Duvet to be evenly spread on the bed
- Bottom of duvet to be tucked in evenly
- 1 x bed runner linked to the theme
- 1 x extra decorative embellishment linked to the competition theme

**To be provided by the host:**

- 1 x king bed
- 1 x white flat sheet (plain white)
- 2 x open pillowcases (plain white)
- 1 x duvet cover (plain white)
- Duvet
- Pillows

**To be provided by the competitor:**

- Clean and smart uniform
- Any additional embellishment linked to their design
- A themed bed runner

## Marking and Assessment

Judging will be marked against the following criteria:

- Identifying any marks or holes in bed linen
- Correct positioning of sheet
- Correct positioning of pillowcases
- Attempting corners
- Correct positioning of duvet
- Presentation of made bed
- Creativity and execution of themed decoration
- Team work

## Additional Information

- Competitors will receive a Health and Safety briefing at the start of the competition
- Competitors will start and finish work as instructed by the judges
- Competitors will be given one hour to complete their bed
- Competitors must provide their own uniform / PPE
- Competitors who arrive late for the event will not receive additional time
- If, during the competition, competitors must leave their work (e.g.: medical reasons, toilet break), they will have the time recorded on a 'time out' sheet by a member of staff.
- The judges' decision is final
- Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed competitors, all others will be awarded a certificate of participation
- Photographs taken during the event, may be used for marketing/publicity purposes. Students and staff attending the competition will be required to complete a form to confirm or deny consent to use their image
- Competitors must only receive agreed support that is outlined in their support statement. Support that is deemed to be outside that declared in the support statement could result in the competitor being disqualified from the competition.
- First round plans and designs can take any form appropriate for the participant.

## Contact Details

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