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The Lifestyles faculty at the Reading campus celebrated student success for high attendance, in an end of year presentation lunch attended by students, staff and a guest speaker.

A total of 35 learners from across hospitality, hair, beauty and sports were invited to the celebratory luncheon and presented certificates. Each student had achieved 98-100% attendance for the whole academic year.

Dave Evans, Football Club Community Trust Manager at Reading FC, invited as guest speaker, said: "I'm pleased to be attending here today and I want to congratulate the learners on their excellent attendance records. Attendance is a key element for me when looking at references and applications forms for jobs at the football club.

"As competition for jobs in all employment sectors intensifies, employers are increasingly looking for something other than just qualifications. Being able to prove previous high attendance is exactly the kind of soft skill or 'employability' skill employers are looking for. It's a skill that almost everyone needs to do almost any job."

Of the 35 students who attended, 21 achieved 98% and 99% attendance, whilst 14 achieved 100% attendance, and 7 of those 14 100% learners were from the Level 2 hospitality programme.

Elise Sikorski, faculty manager at Reading College, said: "The certificates will be a permanent record of the student's commitment to their career pathway and study programme and they can put it in your personal portfolios. I thoroughly congratulate the students on their exceptional achievements. Also, a big thank you to Dave Evans for attending and presenting the certificates to our learners."

The hospitality team, staff and students cooked and served a three course meal for the students and guests to celebrate the achievements, in The Kitchen restaurant at Reading College campus.

