

National Housekeeping Competition 2025

Bed Making Up to Entry Level 3



Timeline of Events

Hospitality and Housekeeping students are invited to take part in a national competition held at Derwen College on Friday 28 March 2025

- Application deadline: Friday 14 February 2025
- Successful entries will be informed by Monday 24 February 2025 and must be available for the live final on Friday 28 March 2025

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 3 groups of 2 student may enter per provider
- This is a paired competition and 2 entries will be working on the same bed

Competition Task

Competitors will design and create a king bed set up with a spring theme. You will need to submit your plan of your design for the first round of the competition. This will then be judged by a variety of impartial judges working in the Housekeeping sector (judges tbc). The competition will take place in Derwen College's on-site Hotel and finalists will be provided with a time slot.

Finalists will be invited to Derwen College on Friday 28 March 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 pillow cases 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 pillow cases (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 feel they 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 first, second and third 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.
- Initial plans and designs to be submitted can take any form appropriate for the participant.

Contact Details

For any further information, please contact David Pearce, Pathway Lead for Hospitality & Food at Derwen College: 01691 661234

Enter the competition at: <https://derwen.me/SkillsCompetitions2025>

