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Excellence Awards 2020
Nominations**



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June 2019 saw the first ever Awards for Excellence Evening held in the Yorkshire and Humber region. It was an amazing night in York which really did celebrate the fantastic achievements, passion and dedication of school caterers. Everyone who attended could see how much the awards meant to the winners with tears and laughs a plenty.

The industry continues to be driven by the commitment and dedication of its workforce. Maintaining that enthusiasm, building on performance and driving greater success are the yearly challenges. Despite huge pressures and testing circumstances, our staff continue to maintain high standards and strive to find innovative, creative, enterprising and budget conscious initiatives, which bring about positive outcomes and solutions for their services, organisations, schools and academies.

This year, we will of course be holding the event again, and taking it to another major city within the region – Leeds. The event will be taking place on **Friday 5 June** at the DoubleTree by Hilton.

The Yorkshire and Humber committee are always praised for our fun, informative and relaxed events and so, to celebrate the excellent work of our teams across the region, and allow for even more entries, we have added an **additional 2 categories** to the list of awards up for grabs.

Being nominated and selected for a LACA award by your industry peers not only bestows a sense of prestige and honour at a personal level but it simultaneously raises, to greater heights, the professional reputation of the organisation or school employing

Award winners. A LACA award is an invaluable promotional tool in any organisation or school's marketing armoury and speaks volumes about its high standards of customer service and care.

Nominations are now being sought for all categories (see below).

Let's celebrate excellence in the Yorkshire and Humber region at a relaxed evening of celebration on **Friday 5 June 2020** in Leeds, starting at 6:00pm at The Lock Kitchen and Bar in the DoubleTree by Hilton, (**Granary Wharf, LS1 4BR**), followed by a BBQ, drinks and dancing.

Please complete the enclosed nomination form and send to **yorkshire-humber-laca@hotmail.com** by **Friday 6 March 2020**.

Jo Webster

**LACA CHAIR—Yorkshire and Humber Region
(LACA Region of the Year Winners 2018)**



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School Catering Team of the Year - Primary

This award aims to give recognition to a Primary school catering team which has made an outstanding contribution to raising the profile of education catering within the school and/or it's local community.

The winning team will receive a trophy, framed certificate and prosecco.

The winning team will have demonstrated a high level of enthusiasm, initiative, commitment and passion for the catering service and are able to prove what extra steps have been taken to engage the school and the wider community.

The judges will be looking for examples of creativity and collaboration where all parties come together to share a vision which can be reflected and evidenced in the increased take-up of meals, services and or improved customer satisfaction. The judges will need to see the school menu which demonstrates creativity and skill, utilising seasonal foods and or food grown in school, procedure for dealing with medical or religious dietary requirements and engagement with customers.

- A minimum of 500 words up to a maximum of 1500 words (show word count)
- All entries may be paper based, scrapbook format or electronic (pdf copies accepted)
- Two pages of supporting evidence
 - o Supporting evidence may include photographs, charts and graphics, letters, pictures or newspaper articles



2019 Winner

Brompton Community Primary
– North Yorkshire County Council

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School Catering Team of the Year - Secondary

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– Bradford

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Outside the Box Thinking

This award is in recognition of a catering team or person who has shown to be pushing the boundaries with what can be done within school meals to encourage uptake, entice children to try new tastes and make them an enjoyable experience.



The winner will receive a trophy, framed certificate and prosecco.

The winner must have shown development of innovative ideas, enthusiasm and the ability to 'try something new'. This could include but not be limited to theme days, staff participation, pupil rewards schemes, parent involvement and other ways to excite children about their school lunch, breakfast or after school meal.

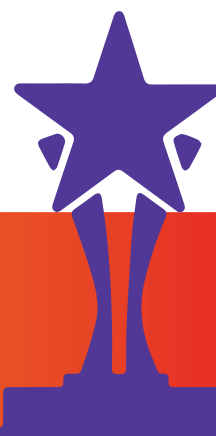
The judges will be looking for examples of creative thinking and evidence that the events have had a positive impact on the children, their uptake of healthy eating and an understanding of the food they are enjoying.

The judges will need to see the school menu or timetable which demonstrates examples of how these activities are incorporated into the children's school lives, how parents are included and kept in the loop and how the whole school community is involved.

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Head Teacher Nomination

This award is to allow a Head Teacher to recognise a group or individual of the catering team who they feel *makes* their children's dining experience what it is. From the experiences and feedback they receive everyday either from the school children, the school staff or the parents, this gives the Head Teacher a chance to say 'Thank you'.



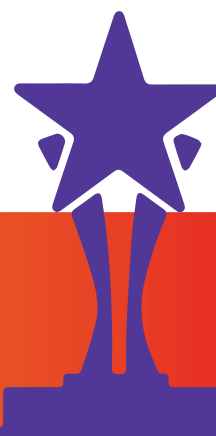
The winner will receive a trophy, framed certificate and prosecco.

The winner will be someone who the Head Teacher feels does 'all the little things' to make the dining experience at their school something special. Regularly handling the challenges of feeding a number of children in a limited time with positivity and workable solutions, keeping children smiling and making dinner time an important part of the school day.

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Unsung Hero

This award is looking to celebrate those unsung heroes within the school catering industry. We are encouraging anyone who has seen amazing dedication, or who has witnessed someone go above and beyond in their role, to send in their nominations for the Unsung Hero Award.

The winner will receive a trophy, framed certificate and prosecco.

The recipient of this award will have demonstrated a unique contribution to the school catering industry, whether this individual works within the school, is a supporter of school meals or provides or supplies to the industry.

The consequences or outcomes of this individual's contribution will have demonstrated added value, new initiatives or a unique situation that benefited the school catering service in some way. This award is about raising the profile of the individual who under normal circumstances would go unrecognised.

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Supplier of the Year

This award is in recognition of a supplier who has consistently provided the highest level of support and service for a school or schools in the Yorkshire and Humberside Region.

The winner will receive a trophy and framed certificate.

The winning supplier must have shown they go that extra mile or exceed customer service expectation by not only demonstrating an appreciation of the requirements of local authority catering and exceptional commitment, but also loyalty, active involvement and a contribution to the growth of education catering.

The winner will regularly handle challenges with positive and workable solutions and be friendly, helpful and provide excellent customer service.

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John Plant of GW Price

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