

Do you ever go into
a shop and think.....
“I don’t think I’ll buy
any food today in
case it makes me
very ill or kills me?”



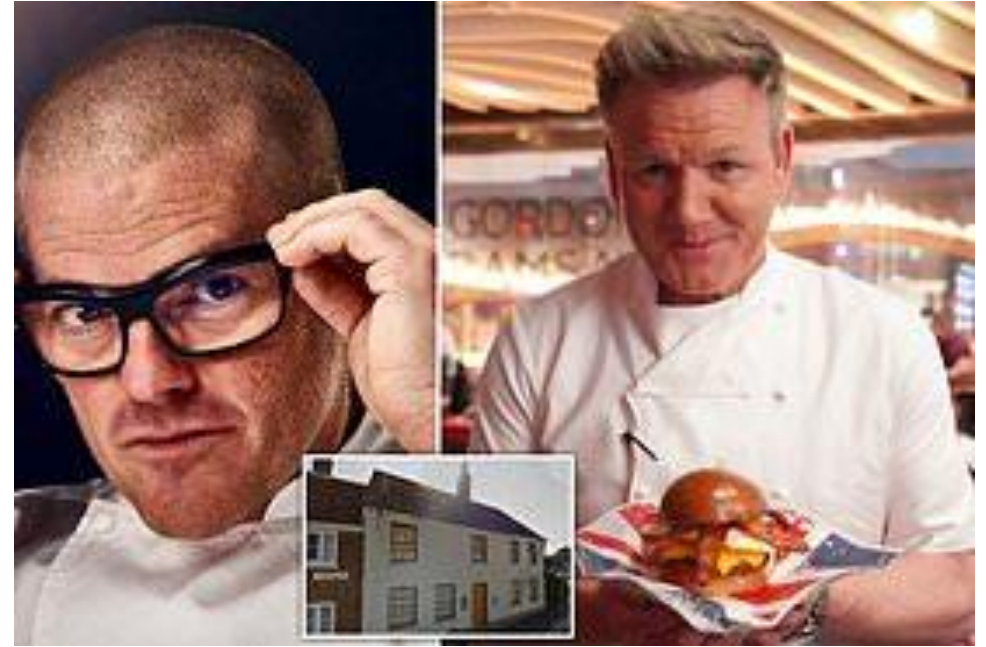
The Food and Drink Industry

What does it do and why would I want to work there?

Name and title

Careers in food and drink?

- So what do you think of when I you are asked about careers in food and drink?
- Do you think about working in a kitchen, chefs, bar work or serving food?



Careers in food and drink?

- NO!!!!



Why are we telling you about food and drink careers?

- Help students, educators and parents understand:
- What the food and drink industry is all about (it's not hospitality)
- The skills and attributes required by the industry – STEM, higher level technical skills
- The CAREER opportunities available
- Support and promote progression routes and pathways into and through the industry
- The connection between the food on their plates and the food and drink industry

WHO MAKES A CAN OF SOUP?



What do I do?

- Outline of your job

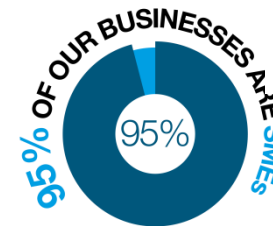
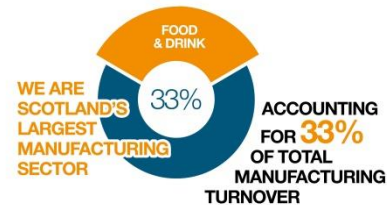
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THE FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN



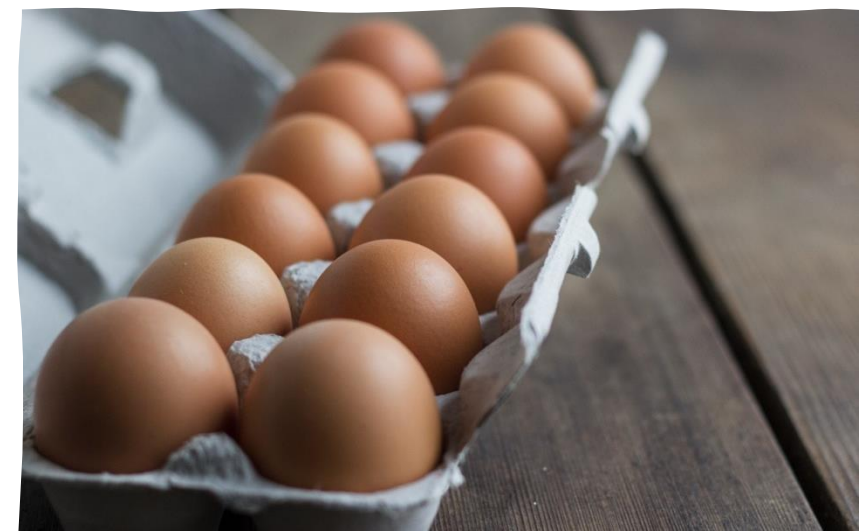
Food and drink manufacturing in Scotland



Give examples of different types of companies in food and drink – can add logos to reflect your sector



**7,954,000,000
human mouths
to feed**



Food and drink needs talented people



The industry wants talented people like you for lots of different roles



There are lots of different jobs and careers



Students and enthusiastic employees all report that they get good job offers and rapid progression



STEM skills are in great demand



The long-term shift towards occupations requiring higher-level skills and qualifications is set to continue.



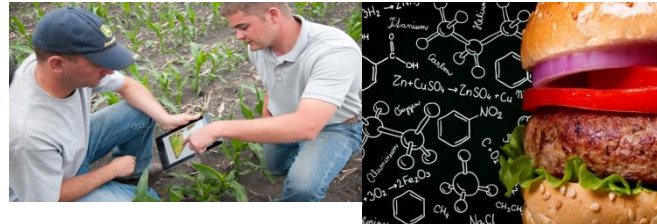
You can make a difference!

What STEM careers in food and drink can you think of?

- Give yourself a few moments and write down any jobs or careers in food and drink that you think require Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths skills.....

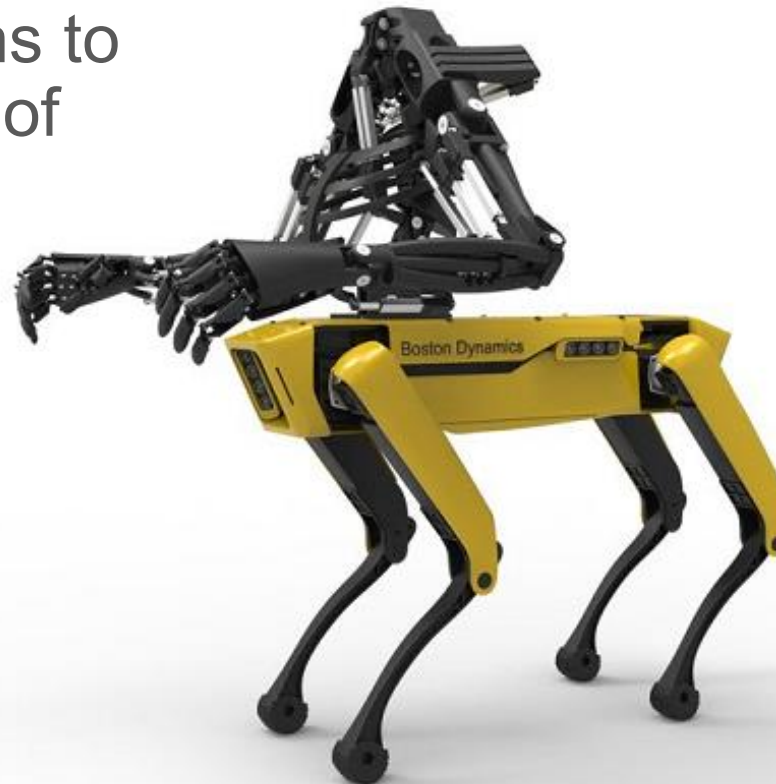
Some most in demand STEM careers

- Food Scientist
- Animal scientist
- Soil scientist - agronomy
- Food Technologist
- Reformulation
- Digital skills
- Senior Management
- Engineer
- Chemical engineer
- Mechanical engineer
- Process engineer
- Product design
- Driving efficiencies
- Supporting circular economy
- AI and robotics



Future of Food “the art of the possible”

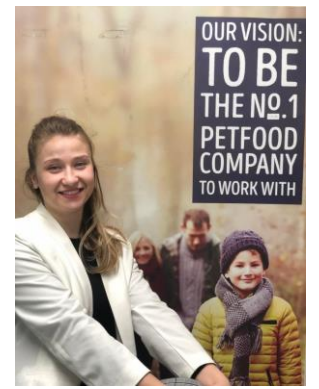
“enabling the deployment of current and future solutions to improve the sustainability of the food & drink industry.”



Mushroom picking robot concept

Why would I want to join food and drink?

- Industry wants you
- Rapid career progression
- Good salaries
- Very varied



- I joined the food science course as at first I was very interested to a career as nutritionist and dietitian, but I've soon got captured by the immense variety of jobs opportunity and the process behind a new food product.
- I find it fascinating the power that such degree possess, you're able to make the every-day life easier for so many people by researching, trialling and creating something that wasn't there before.
- This degree allowed me to get into a graduate program for an international company, and I've been able to live 6 months in Ireland before moving back to the Netherlands.
- Currently, I'm working as part of the Quality team of a pet food factory, and I'm amazed by the many quality checks ad controls in place for what we think is just feed.
- It's a very fast paced environment and I love the challenges, the continuous training and the amazing people I'm able to meet along my journey. It's impossible to get bored!

- Skills required – interest in science and food
- Direct into industry – where training and development is provided
- Foundation Apprenticeships
- Modern Apprenticeships
- College including access courses and pathways into industry or university
- University
- ...then the possibilities can be endless.....with rapid progression and salaries to match...



Thank You

Please look at a few more
career films and hear from
real people working in food
and drink

