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Oddfellows On The Park's Sophie Irvine chosen for hospitality's elite scholarship

Sophie Irvine, reception manager at Oddfellows On The Park hotel in Cheadle has been chosen to join eighteen of the industry's elite winning a place on the highly esteemed Master Innholders Aspiring Leaders course, endorsed by The Institute of Hospitality.

The aspiring leaders will begin the course in April 2019 and travel across the UK for tutelage in venues such as Grosvenor House Hotel in London and Macdonald Aviemore Resort. Sophie is joined by seventeen other aspiring leaders from hotels across the country, including The Savoy, The Dorchester, The Lowry and Chewton Glen.

Sophie said: 'Achieving a place on this course is a brilliant achievement. It is, in essence, a masterclass, taught by the hotel greats and surrounded by some very talented peers – a once in a lifetime opportunity that I cannot wait to begin.'

Oddfellows On The Park, set in Bruntwood Park, Cheadle was a finalist last year for one of the hotel industry's top awards – 'Outstanding New Hotel' at the Independent Hotel Show, held in London's Olympia and was nominated as one of The Sunday Times Top 100 Best Places To Stay.

The independently-owned, design-led boutique hotel opened in April 2017 and was a culmination of a fifteen-month careful restoration that has transformed Victorian mansion, Bruntwood Hall. It is now home to 22 bedrooms, The Galloping Major restaurant, The Stud Room bar and salon, The Pigsty.

Oddfellows On The Park is the sister hotel to Oddfellows, Chester (www.oddfellowschester.com). It is the only hotel in the UK outside of London to be welcomed into the global Design Hotels™ consortium, and sits alongside hotels like Soho Hotel in London and Gramercy Park Hotel in New York. Designed by Tim Groom Architects, with interiors by SpaceInvader, both Manchester based firms, guests enjoy interesting design pieces throughout - including a bike-chain chandelier that is inspired by the Bruntwood Park BMX track and lights up the grand staircase.

Flexible event spaces are perfect for weddings and events with the Parlor Bar and Parlor Rooms set on the park with direct access to the terrace. The Pigsty, a petite but perfectly formed salon de beauté, houses a relaxation area, two treatment rooms and a rasul mud room.

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