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The Sky's the Limit: Le Cordon Bleu London to Unveil Green Rooftop Herb Garden

With a focus on sustainability and green design, Le Cordon Bleu London's newly renovated culinary facility, opening in January 2012, will include a green roof, sprawling 5 floors above London's Bloomsbury Square.

The environmentally friendly project will encompass two successful features in green roof innovation; a sedum blanket, planted with wildflower and herbaceous species, together with a rooftop herb garden.

This type of green roof, which includes a variety of plant species, will create better biodiversity than normally found on standard green roofs. The rooftop herb garden will not only generate an abundant supply of the freshest cooking ingredients, but will also provide students with an additional educational resource, allowing them to study plants and herbs in their natural state. Le Cordon Bleu chefs and students alike can look forward to a rooftop oasis of micro lettuces, tomatoes, and fresh herbs.

It is anticipated that the green roof will result in the following benefits:

- Encouraging biodiversity in the area
- Helping to mitigate the impact of heavy downpours of rain
- Increasing oxygen production
- Creating a visually pleasing environmental feature

Approximately 30 m² of photovoltaic (PV) solar panels will also be positioned on the south west facing roof, contributing to the building's energy supply and recognising the importance of implementing renewable energy sources.

ABOUT LE CORDON BLEU: Le Cordon Bleu offers the most recognised and prestigious culinary training programmes in the world. Courses available at Le Cordon Bleu range from certificates earned in just 11 weeks to the coveted Le Grand Diplôme, a 9 month programme in cuisine and pastry, considered the passport to the culinary world.

Le Cordon Bleu London culinary arts programmes are accredited with IIQ Level 4 on the UK National Qualification framework. The Level 4 qualification is one of the highest practical culinary qualifications in the UK and is recognised internationally. In addition, Le Cordon Bleu London holds the Highly Trusted Sponsor Licence under Tier 4 with the UK Border Agency.

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