



**FRESH IDEAS:** Gemma Black ... a fantastic opportunity to attend one of the world's best hotel schools

## Hotel manager off on Swiss learning trip

HIT SCOTLAND SCHOLARSHIP TAKING GEMMA FROM FORRES TO LAUSANNE

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THE operations manager at Knockomie Hotel, at Forres, is off to Switzerland.

Gemma Black, 25, was awarded a Hospitality Industry Trust (Hit) Scotland scholarship in February.

On Sunday, May 9, she flies to Switzerland to attend a two-day young manager

course at Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne.

The leadership course at Lausanne has been designed for Hit scholars and focuses on understanding the differences between being a manager and being a leader and covers areas such as team building, leading a team in the hospitality industry and managing a variety of

situations. Ms Black, who has been at Knockomie for two years, holds an honours degree in marketing and tourism management from Edinburgh's Napier University.

She said: "Working at Knockomie has given me the time to put my education into practice and my trip to Lausanne will build on this

knowledge and experience to become a better leader, as well as a manager, to our team there.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to attend one of the world's best hotel schools and enjoy a new learning experience and I look forward to bringing back some fresh new ideas to implement at Knockomie."