## Brooklands College

# Why Choose An Apprenticeship

## **5 Reasons to choose an Apprenticeship**

- 1. You get the experience of applying for a real job and gain a contract of employment.
- 2. While you are earning a wage your employer pays for you to do training and obtain a qualification.
- Learn at a pace that suits you and be supported by a mentor.
- 4. You are 'work ready' when you complete your apprenticeship.
- 5. You have the opportunity to build a relationship with your employer for a potential long term job.









## **Industry Insight**

In 2019, there were 742,400 people participating in an apprenticeship in England, with 393,400 apprenticeship starts and 185,100 completing their apprenticeship qualifications. 2020 has seen the national minimum wage set to increase across all age groups; this will see a 6.5% increase for those aged between 21 and 24, 4.9% for 18 to 20 year-olds, a 4.6% increase for under 18s, and 6.4% for apprentices. 85% of apprentices stay in employment, and 64% of these continue working with the same employer.

We believe that Apprenticeships are a great way for students to 'earn while they learn', and also builds up their CV at the same time. Helping them become a strong candidate for future job applications.

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Studying for an Apprenticeship offers a fantastic opportunity to progress into a large range of Industry's. Apprenticeship training has been developed in partnership with employers to ensure students are learning the skills they will need in the industry while they are at College.

For this reason they are popular with employers and increase the chances of students getting a job at the end of their study. They are practical and hands on, a method of learning that is valued by many students. Work experience is also a key requirement of majority of courses giving the students the ability to apply knowledge learnt to real life situations as well as developing their interpersonal skills which are so vital and again valued by employers.





#### **Tyler Pearce**

"I thoroughly enjoyed the course – great tutors and assessor, always keen to help and show you how things are done. The support is always there!" Tyler Pearce, Lee Marley Brickwork Apprentice, has the ambition of becoming a supervisor and to progress onto a contracts manager. "I would 100% recommend Brooklands College! The staff and support are always there. The skills you gain are there for life, along with the achievements you gain along the way."



### My Apprenticeship: Sophie Ignacio

At just 18 years old, the Brooklands College Apprentice is thriving in her active duties at Sythwood Primary & Nursery School. Sophie Ignacio started the Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship in Children & Young People's Workforce (Early Years) in April 2017 and is progressing onto the Level 3 Apprenticeship. Sophie is supported by, and works alongside, Nursery Lead Teacher Jaime Gridley.

"I didn't really enjoy just sitting in the classroom, I just couldn't learn like that. Brooklands College is very supportive with this Apprenticeship, I've learnt a lot about SEN, how to communicate with parents and the different developments of the children." Sophie

"Brooklands College has provided a course for somebody to progress to employment at the end. The course was tailored to Sophie and has enabled her to take over a 2-Year Old Lead role without a question."





### My Apprenticeship: Shelbie Baker

Treated as an equal staff member by her peers, Shelbie-Louise Baker enjoys her role as an apprentice working in the College's Apprenticeships department. Valuing the first-hand experience and ability to gain an insight into the world of work, she opted to choose an apprenticeship over studying a full-time course at College.

"I have developed my people and communication skills, my understanding of working in a business environment and confidence in sharing ideas with colleagues. My one key tip when it comes to applying for a role and approaching an interview, do some research into the employer and make a few mental notes about it's background story. I would recommend doing an apprenticeship as you can earn and save money, get a qualification and learn whilst working."



