

# Kent & Medway Apprentice Graduation Ceremony Sponsorship 2026



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# Sponsorship Guide 2026

We are delighted to confirm that the Kent and Medway Apprenticeship Graduation organising partners and supporting key stakeholders are now planning the 8th Kent and Medway Apprentice Graduation Ceremony.

Following the successful 2023, 2024 and 2025 ceremonies, which saw record numbers of participating graduates, we are pleased to confirm plans to return to Rochester Cathedral on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026. We'd like to invite you to support the 2026 ceremony, to ensure the best experience for our amazing graduating apprentices, friends and family, their employers, provider partners and our sponsors.

Your support enables us to continue to offer a free graduation to all our apprentices in terms of gowning, photography, guest places and other costs normally incurred by graduates at a typical graduation ceremony.

This sponsorship guide is designed to give your organisation or business, an opportunity to be one of our sponsors or supporters at an appropriate level and range of benefits.

## Great reasons to be a sponsor

Be part of something special...

Our ceremonies continuously break records, more than doubling the number of apprentices that took part in the inaugural 2019 event, whilst annually engaging 30+ training providers and nearly 100 employers from across the county.

Recognise apprentices working in key sector roles...

The 2025 ceremony saw a very wide range of apprenticeship achievements recognised across multiple sectors. The health and care sector notably continues to be especially significant. Overall, 63% of our graduates are Level 2 and 3 reflective of our commitment to inclusivity and bringing a graduation style experience to all apprentices and not just those at higher and degree level.

Simply celebrate amazing apprentices...

We hope that through the event, you'll join us in helping encourage more individuals to consider apprenticeships as a valued pathway to a rewarding career or as an alternative to traditional university routes. We also hope by working with us, that we can ensure more employers realise the value of apprentices in enhancing their business workforce skills, future talent pool, sustainability and success.

In 2026 the awarding of sponsor / supporter certificates will become part of the main ceremony. We will also be presenting two awards which proved very popular in 2025 for most Amazing Apprentice Employer and most Amazing Apprentice Provider, so don't miss out on these enhanced features of the graduation that add value to our sponsors and supporters and simply make the day even more special.

## Becoming a sponsor

Your sponsorship is vital in enabling us to offer the event free of charge to the apprentices. It's easier than ever to become a sponsor or supporter and we have designed new rate cards for you to choose from.

These include Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Green.



Additionally, we are also placing paid promotions in the memoir this year at £300 per quarter and £500 per half page.

Platinum starts at £3,000 and is designed as a headline sponsorship of a specific element of the graduation ceremony.

You can see all the options on our site [here](#).

Do get in touch to discuss and hone sponsorship and support options via [info@appgradkandm.org](mailto:info@appgradkandm.org) or our site's [contact form](#).

Find out more and / or nominate an apprentice via the [Kent & Medway Apprentice Graduation Ceremony Website](#)

## Follow the Kent & Medway Apprentice Graduation Ceremony

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# Impact Stats



**2019 to 2025  
1290  
Graduates**

**2025  
90+  
Employers  
Engaged**

**2025  
260  
Graduate  
Registrations**

**2025  
30  
Training  
Providers**

**850+  
Cathedral  
Guests**

## Who can be nominated

Any apprentice who has completed their qualification, at any level or discipline, between 1st August 2025 and 31st July 2026 and is either Kent and Medway based or has a Kent and Medway based training provider. We do take delayed EPA and ESFA certification into consideration.

## Who can nominate apprentices

Applicants can be nominated by their employer, apprenticeship provider. Self-registration can only be via request using our contact form. Applications will be verified. Places are available on a first come, first served basis so recommend early registration from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

When nominations are made it's essential that all parties involved, apprentice, employer and provider are informed. Registration closes noon, 1st August 2026. Graduates will be required to complete their gown bookings before 1<sup>st</sup> September or places will move to our waitlist.