

Graduation Ceremony 2026

Thank you for making it happen...Pledge again now for 2027!

Thank you for your support of the recent Apprentice Graduation Ceremony at Rochester Cathedral. As highlighted several times during the ceremony, we could not deliver such a wonderful event, free to our graduates, without your kind support.

This year a new record of over 300 apprentices registered or were on our waitlist, with us once again achieving our maximum capacity of approximately 200 graduates. We engaged 31 training providers and over 90 employers across a wide range of sectors, demonstrating the unique reach and impact of the ceremony.

As you will have seen, the Cathedral was full with over 800 people including friends and family, employer, training provider and stakeholder guests, demonstrating just some of the graduation's immediate impact. We hope you were also able to enjoy this year's pre-reception in the Crypt, featuring wine from Kent's Silverhand Estate kindly supplied by MDCV UK.

Photo sets can also now be accessed on our site's home page at www.appgradkandm.org via a link button. Note the graduate images are password protected but the speaker and general image sets are accessible and free to download. Do please let us know your overall thoughts via our [feedback survey](#) which closes noon 13th November. The videos will be available in approximately two-week's time.

The 2027 ceremony is planned for Thursday, 14th October, again at Rochester Cathedral. The soft launch of the 2027 ceremony will happen in National Apprenticeships Week and registration will open on 1st March, closing once full or by 1st August 2027. We do hope you will consider supporting this exceptional ceremony again by NAW27 to maximise impact.

Our updated rate cards and headline sponsorship options will be on our site from 1st December, but in the meantime [get in touch](#) to fix a sponsorship pledge at the 2026 rates before then, to tailor something specifically for you, or to discuss placing a promotion in the Memoir.

On behalf of the organising committee, thank you for your support of the ceremony again. We look forward to hearing from you to help make it happen in 2027.

Kind Regards

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