

# Kent & Medway Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony

## Event Introduction - Employers

Dear Employer,

We are delighted to confirm that the Kent and Medway Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony organising partners, are planning the fourth Kent & Medway Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony to be held at Rochester Cathedral on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Following the successful 2021 virtual ceremony, which saw record numbers of participating graduates, we are pleased to confirm plans to return to Rochester Cathedral for a formal graduation ceremony format. We are confident that this gives the best experience for our graduating apprentices, friends and family, provider partners and employers.

We hope as an employer that you will want to be part of the ceremony and that you will support your apprentices and encourage them to register for the ceremony. This event introduction is designed to help you understand the registration process for 2022.

### Great reasons to nominate your apprentices now!

#### Be part of something special

The Kent and Medway ceremony is one of just a few such events taking place nationally. Our 2020 and 2021 events were amongst the first nationally to undertake and deliver a virtual ceremony. These combined with the inaugural 2019 ceremony have recognised the achievements of over 525 level 2 to degree level apprentices.

#### Recognise apprentices and their role during and in recovery from the Covid pandemic

As the pandemic continues in 2022, supporting and recognising the incredible value of apprentices to employers and the economy is crucial. Many apprentices, employers and providers have overcome huge challenges to complete and achieve apprenticeship programmes. Equally, many apprentices have continued to undertake critical worker roles during the pandemic in industries such as health, care, sciences, logistics, education and training, retail, hospitality, catering, food production, accountancy and many more.

#### Simply celebrate amazing apprentices

The formal ceremony certainly is something special and is unique for bringing together apprentices of all levels and from all sectors for a traditional style gowned event. It also will bring together employers, training providers and key stakeholders to collectively celebrate the success and achievement of our county's amazing apprentices.

## Where & how to register apprentices?

At this crucial time, 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. We also hope that with us, we can ensure more employers realise the value of apprentices in enhancing their workforce skills, future talent development and business success.

Find out more and / or help an apprentice register via our new look website. Registration closes on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022, but we recommend you check the registration requirements now and register at:

[www.appgradkandm.org](http://www.appgradkandm.org)

## Key Information & Statistics

Take a look at previous events here: [K&M Apprentice Graduation Ceremonies](#)

2019 & 2021  
527  
Graduates  
Participated

2021  
170  
Employers  
Engaged

2020 & 2021  
500+  
Event Day Views  
of the Virtual  
Ceremonies

2021  
19  
Training  
Providers  
Participated

## Who can be registered?

Any apprentice who has completed their qualification, at any level or discipline, between 1st August 2021 and 31st July 2022 and is either Kent and Medway based or has a Kent and Medway based training provider.

## Who can register apprentices?

Applicants can be registered by their employer, apprenticeship provider or can self-register. It is crucial that at registration any registered apprentice's intention to attend the formal event is confirmed. The registration process includes sizing detail requirements related to the gowning service.

Registrations will then be verified (due to the limited capacity of the Cathedral places are available on a first come, first served basis). To help ensure the event run smoothly and so all registered apprentices can enjoy the ceremony, when nominations are made it's essential that all parties involved, apprentice, employer and provider are informed.

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