

Kent & Medway Apprentice Graduation Ceremony 2025 Press Release

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KENT & MEDWAY'S ANNUAL APPRENTICE GRADUATION DATE CONFIRMED AS THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER! REGISTRATION OPENS 1ST MARCH 2025.



Apprentice Graduation Class of 2024: Photo: davehaywardphotos.com

This year's Kent and Medway Apprentice Graduation Ceremony will take place on Thursday, 16th October 2025. The Ceremony broke records yet again at a packed Rochester Cathedral back in October 2024. The full house of over 800 guests bore witness to a wonderful celebration of 200+ of the county's amazing apprentice talents, with the Class of 2024. The 2025 Ceremony aims to be even bigger with registration opening on 1st March 2025.

Tudor Price, CEO of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce; said, "The Chamber is already looking forward to the 2025 Ceremony, which will be our fourth year supporting this wonderful celebration of apprentice success. It's fantastic to see the ceremony continue to grow and consolidate itself as a key feature of the county's business events calendar. Apprenticeships are central to many of the objectives set out in the Local Skills Improvement Plan and remain of critical importance to the Government's skills strategies. Apprenticeships now benefit so many industry sectors and employers across Kent and Medway. Registration for the Ceremony opens on 1st March. We encourage apprentices and employers to be part of it and have their achievements recognised at the beautiful Rochester Cathedral in October 2025."

Dr Anna Morrison CBE, Founder of Amazing Apprentices; said, “Apprentices will have worked really hard at their off the job studies, but also in applying their skills to the workplace. They bring new skills, they bring new life, they bring new ideas and creativity, as well as diversity to teams. Apprentices help organisations to build their own talent and it will be wonderful to see them rightly celebrated in October in front of their friends and family and the employers that have crucially made such a wise investment in them.”

Elizabeth Flegg, Chair of the South East Apprenticeship Ambassador Network; said, “We are delighted to support the Kent Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony again. Celebrating those who have achieved their apprenticeships and sharing positive stories about the great difference an apprenticeship makes is a key priority for us. As Silver Sponsors, we look forward to being centre stage in 2025 and supporting the event through our ambassador case studies and success stories. This will be a great way to bring home the real-life examples of how apprentices, impact positively on so many employers, whilst gaining huge developmental and professional rewards themselves.”

Nikki Teesdale, Director of Health and Care Integration and Improvement, Medway and Swale Health and Care Partnership; said, “Apprenticeships bridge the gap between education and the workforce, providing hands-on experience, mentorship and real-world skills that prepare individuals for lifelong success in their careers. In Healthcare the apprenticeship programme is vital for building a skilled, compassionate workforce, combining practical training with professional guidance to ensure quality care for every patient.”

Mark Hill, Rule 5 Solutions, Graduation Ceremony Director; said, “It was amazing to plan and deliver the biggest ever ceremony in 2024! The organising committee and our event partners did a fantastic job of delivering yet another successful ceremony. A lot of hard work sits behind planning an event like this across so many partners and stakeholders. We are excited to already be planning for 2025’s celebration of Kent and Medway’s apprenticeship talent. Our call for sponsors and supporters is now open. They are crucial to the event’s gowning, photography and programme as well as family and friend guest places being free to all graduands at all levels. The detail of rate cards are on our site, but there’s no doubt the ceremony is unrivalled in the south east, so we encourage anyone wishing to help us make it happen to contact us now at AppGradKandM.org.”

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Event information including the ceremony 2024 programme, event videos and links to photo galleries and previous ceremonies are at www.appgradkandm.org

Graduation Ceremony Team Organisations

The partners who are organising this event are: CXK; Careers and Enterprise Company; Canterbury Christ Church University; CITB, The Education People; Kent Association of Training Organisations (KATO); Kent County Council, Medway Council; Rule 5 Solutions and NHS Kent and Medway.



The 2024 event was recorded to ensure as many people could watch the ceremony at their convenience. The 5 minute video is available via:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCqkn0MRZYk>

A short social edit is also on the Apprentice Graduation site: <https://www.appgradkandm.org>

For further information please contact: Mark Hill via info@appgradkandm.org

2025 Call for Supporting Funders and Sponsors

The organisers are now open to supporters for 2025. To find out how to support the AppGrad visit the sponsors' page on the Kent & Medway Apprentice Graduation [here](#) or see the [sponsor pack](#).

For more information visit the website at:

www.appgradkandm.org Twitter: @AppGradKandM

Instagram: AppGradKandM or via: info@appgradkandm.org – Mark Hill, [Rule 5 Solutions](#)

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