

# Vocational learning: Apprenticeships and T-levels



It's so important for young people, parents and teachers to develop a greater understanding of what T-levels and apprenticeships can offer. Hear about our Young Inspirers project that aimed to do just this and from some young inspirers that took part.

# Young Inspirers Roadshow

- Who
- What
- Why
- How

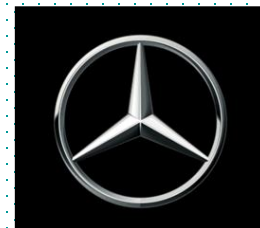


# Young Inspirers in Numbers



- 32 young inspirers
- 18 Employers
- 5 schools
- 420 minutes
- 1279 students
- 50+ teachers
- tbc parents

# Young Inspirers Employers



# Young Inspirers Feedback

“ I was very nervous coming into the event as I have never really spoken in front of a group of students before, but the experience has majorly helped my confidence and it felt good to be informing children on a topic I felt we needed more of when I was in school.

It was great to engage with other apprentices in similar situations which helps young professionals to build a network of contacts.”

*George Smith, Weetabix apprentice*



# Young Inspirers Feedback



“It was a huge thing for me to do public speaking as I have never done it before. I found that I really enjoyed speaking about something I am passionate doing. Who knows I may end up in a job where I talk to lots of people like my parents? The people who organised the talk from South Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership, were very supportive and kind. I loved how relaxed and appreciative they were no matter if you made a little wobble.”

*Kasey Darnton, apprentice BCG*

# Teacher & Staff Feedback

“Thank you, Young Inspirers, for spending a morning with our Huxlow students. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about apprenticeships. What fabulous young apprentices you had speak!”

*Kim Isaksen: Deputy Headteacher, Huxlow Academy*



# Teacher & Staff Feedback

“Thank you very much for sharing your experience and expertise in regard to apprenticeships this afternoon. It was a truly interactive session. Please also thank the apprentices, what an inspiring bunch who responded brilliantly to students’ questions and in sharing their experiences and journey! I am certain that our year 9’s (and staff!) are better informed as a result and we look forward to next time.”

*Divindra Bains: Sixth Form Administrator, Sharnbrook Academy*





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## Apprenticeships & T-Levels

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# Apprenticeships Overview

- ❖ School leavers – no upper age limit
  - ❖ Not always right for everyone
- ❖ Level 2 – degree level apprenticeships
- ❖ Broad range of apprenticeship standards available across industry sectors
- ❖ Success of apprenticeship based on End Point Assessment
- ❖ Employer reliant > real job, contract of employment, wage, annual leave
  - ❖ They provide valuable on-the-job training, mentorship and opportunities for apprentices to apply their skills in real scenarios and settings.
- ❖ Why do employers support apprenticeships?
  - ❖ Skills Gaps
  - ❖ Talent Pipeline
  - ❖ Increased Productivity

# T-Levels Overview

- ❖ Progression from GCSE's and are equivalent to x3 A-Levels
- ❖ 2 year qualification with typically 80% of duration spent in the classroom and 20% spent on a substantial industry placement
- ❖ Consists of a technical qualification specific to the specific industry area chosen and an industry placement in chosen industry area which could be as either a day release or block release
- ❖ UCAS points have been allocated to T-Levels for those wanting to progress onto university
- ❖ T-Levels qualifications include (vary depending on provider):
  - ❖ Management & Administration
  - ❖ Health & Science
  - ❖ Digital
  - ❖ Construction
  - ❖ Engineering & Manufacturing
  - ❖ Agriculture, Land Management & Production

# Introducing your Young Inspirer

- Harrison Bartlett
- Job title: Employer Brand Assistant
- Apprenticeship: Recruitment Marketing Apprentice  
(completed level 3 Digital Marketing course)
- Employer: Kier Group
- Fun fact: I once worked at a footballer's house for a few weeks!



# Q&A: Harrison Bartlett - Kier



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