

EVERYTHING EMPLOYERS

Apprenticeships Suffolk

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Hello everyone and welcome back to this month's Employers Newsletter.

Hope everyone enjoyed their summer as safely as they can. It has been great to see businesses re-open and the government supporting that this is done safely and responsibly for us to enjoy.

As the Autumn months approach, we can only continue to comply with the rules and continue to support SME businesses.

As Apprenticeship Suffolk come into its 4th month, we would like to update you with what we have been up to in August.

As students received their A-Level and GCSE results, Debbie was part of the panel for Careers and Coffee, hosted by Enterprise Adviser Network to provide advice on results. Also, Claire attended GCSE results day at Suffolk One and was on hand delivering information and career guidance to students.

We also received coverage in the East Anglian Daily Times, as well as a spot-on BBC Suffolk where Apprenticeships Suffolk in general was introduced, alongside the Recruit Retain Reward incentive.

We have live vacancies; promoted on our social media. Check out our new jobs page on our website:

<https://apprenticeshipsuffolk.org/jobs-page/>



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Government Updates:

ESFA UPDATE—26/08/2020

Please [click here](#) for the latest **ESFA** update

NEW FUNDING TO DOUBLE NURSING APPRENTICESHIPS

Please [click here](#) for more information on the new **Government** package worth £172 million to help train thousands more nursing degree apprenticeships

NEVER A BETTER TIME TO GAIN SKILLS QUALIFICATIONS FIT FOR EMPLOYMENT

Please [click here](#) to read the FE News article to see why school leavers are being urged to consider gaining the necessary skills to help them start their future

APPRENTICESHIP FUNDING BANDS

Please [click here](#) to be taken to the **GOV.UK** website and follow the link to the excel spreadsheet to view all the funding bands for apprenticeship standards

POWERING AN INCLUSIVE FUTURE THROUGH APPRENTICESHIPS

Please [click here](#) to read the **FE News** article on how apprenticeships brings benefits to both employers and apprentices

PROVIDING APPRENTICESHIPS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Please [click here](#) to read the **GOV.UK** document which sets out guidance for apprentices, employers, training providers and assessment organisations

£2 BILLION KICKSTART SCHEME LAUNCHED

Please [click here](#) to read to **ERSA** article on the launch for £2 billion kickstart scheme which is now open to any employer

Recruit Retain Reward Updates

We are receiving great response from Employers engaging with our Recruit Retain Reward scheme in both Suffolk and Norfolk.

On Friday 21st August we sent an updated RRR FAQ to training providers and colleges who are promoting our grant. I have attached the link below so Employers can see also. If you have any further questions that are not covered please do not hesitate to get into contact with us.

<file:///C:/Users/rushe/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/VANMTVAW/RRR%20-%20FAQs%20v1.pdf>



TALENT POOL

We have now got 21 young people all keen and ready for either apprenticeships or work experience. Below we have listed vocational areas that these young people are interested in and their locations.

- Business Administration (Manningtree, Ipswich)
- Wind Farm Technician (Great Yarmouth)
- Farming (Ipswich)
- Childcare (Lowestoft, Hadleigh, Bury St Edmunds)
- Roofing and Scaffolding (Ipswich)
- Plumbing (Sudbury, Ipswich)
- Teaching Assistant (Ipswich)
- Carpentry (Ipswich)
- Mechanics (Ipswich, Worlingworth)
- IT/ Digital Marketing (Ipswich)

If you are an employer who can offer work experience or have a conversation of an apprenticeship please do not hesitate to get into contact with us at apprenticeships@suffolk.gov.uk

A focus on Education & Childcare

And just like that September is here which means schools, colleges and training programmes will be starting their academic year. I am sure for a lot of schools and education centres this will feel like new territory as it has been 5 months since the schools have been fully re-opened. Let us hope this academic year will be less crazy than last year, schools up and down the country have put measures in place to assure the upmost safety of all staff and students. Schools have reduced the size of classes, keeping set classes in the same classroom each day to minimize the contact with other staff and students. Masks have to be worn in communal areas and in school corridors but not in the classroom, this rule can be changed with the headteachers discretion. The government are very keen to get children back into the education saying “Returning to school is vital for children’s education and for their wellbeing. Time out of school is detrimental for children’s cognitive and academic development, particularly for disadvantaged children. This impact can affect both current levels of learning and children’s future ability to learn therefore we need to ensure all pupils can return to school sooner rather than later.”

The re-opening of schools means that there are more opportunities for young people to kick start their career in teaching or childcare.



APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS FOR EDUCATION AND CHILD-CARE:

[Level 2 Early Years Practitioner](#)

[Level 3 Learning Mentor](#)

[Level 3 Early Years Educator](#)

[Level 3 Teaching Assistant](#)

[Learning and Skills Teacher](#)

[Level 6 Teacher](#)

Benefits Of Working in Education

Our apprentice Evin gave his experience on what it was like to work within the education sector before joining Apprenticeships Suffolk.

“I worked as a teaching assistant for just over two years, like a lot of jobs there is parts you love and other parts not so much. This little piece from me is all about the many benefits of working in education. The main benefit of working in education for me is seeing the support you give students having a real impact on their learning and knowing that you have personally made a difference to their education. Another huge benefit is working with people from all different walks of life and being able to talk about different experiences, with these talks you quite often take away something new. Working in education is a good career for picking up a lot of life skills as a lot of responsibility is placed on you to make sure that students are safe, behaving and learning. You also learn a lot of things you may have forgotten or just never learned in your school days just from being in the classroom with the students and listening to the teacher. Of course, you cannot mention the benefits of working in education without mentioning the amount of holidays you get! These are just a few benefits to working in education but there is so much more!”

Evin’s mum also works within education as a Director of learning support. She also gave us an insight of the benefits and experiences she has had during her career.

“I enjoy that I am making an impact on students and their families lives. I enjoy seeing students accessing the right support in order for them achieve positive outcomes and to feel happy and safe within in the schools.

I initially worked within early years and I felt that I would get more satisfaction and fulfilment working in secondary education. I wanted to work in the SEN department as I am a firm believer that education should be accessible and inclusive to all. Working in the SEN department no two days are the same and the challenges I face are diverse. I enjoy seeing students come into the school as year 7’s and leave the school confident and with the skills they need to be positive members of society.”