

# Welcome from our Principal & Chief Executive

Apprenticeships are one of the fastest growing educational pathways as they offer a fantastic alternative to traditional routes such as A Levels or vocational qualifications.

At City of Bristol College, we offer a wide range of apprenticeships for both young people who aspire to work in skilled occupations or progress to higher education, and adults seeking career development.

Our mission to progress people into work is at the heart of what we do. Our strong links with the city's major employers enable us to collaboratively develop the skills of individuals. Apprentices learn from staff who are industry experts and subject specialists, benefiting from their knowledge and industry links.

# What are my options?

#### Young people

It is now compulsory for all young people to stay in learning until they are 18 years old. **This does not mean you have to stay at school.** There are a number of different pathways available to you after your GCSEs including a full time college course.

Each post-16 pathway is designed to help you develop new skills, prepare for the workplace or progress to higher education. One pathway is an apprenticeship; an opportunity to learn and earn.

#### **Adults**

You do not have to be a school leaver to join an apprenticeship. Adults can join an apprenticeship training programme too, whether you are looking for a new opportunity or employed and looking to upskill. Apprenticeships are now available in a number of levels too – depending on the qualif cations you have already achieved.

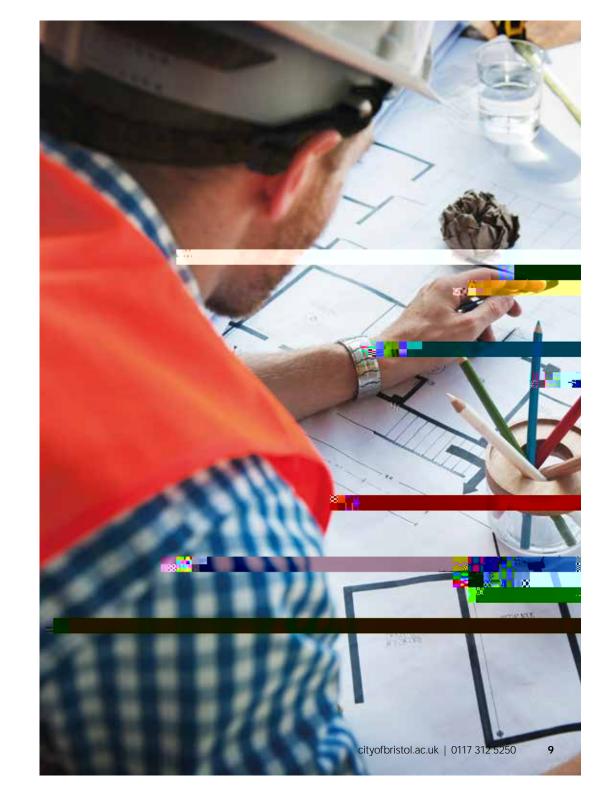
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# Why choose an apprenticeship?

The West of England is an economic leader with an economy worth over £33 billion a year. A net contributor to the national purse, with a population of over 1 million people and over 43,000 businesses, our region competes on a global scale. City of Bristol College works closely with employers to enrol 1,000 new apprentices each year.

With your employer, you will work alongside experienced professionals who will help you to develop the skills



There are, on average, 23,000 apprenticeship opportunities listed on 'find an apprenticeship' every month

89%



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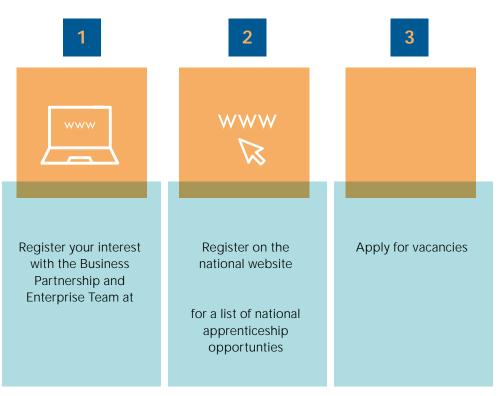
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### Where do I start?

Your first step is to contact our Business Partnership and Enterprise Team who will help you prepare everything you need. They can support you with:

- Apprenticeship and training advice and guidance
- Details of job vacancies
- Support with applications and CVs
- Help with interview preparation.

### Steps to success!



Some employers request specific qualifications as entry requirements to ensure you can fully meet the needs of the business. You will also be asked to complete an assessment as part of the interview process.