

APPRENTICESHIP UPDATE

July 2020



Spring/Summer Edition

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Welcome

James Culley

Assistant Principal / Director of Apprenticeships



This update finds us all in sad and unprecedented times, with government, industry and education responses to COVID-19 being at the forefront of our minds. I'm therefore pleased to be able to say that, within the apprenticeship provision, we have seen a lot of progress and positive change over the last few months, this has been recognised by some great feedback from apprentices and employers, and we have further improvements planned in the coming weeks.

All apprentices have received a refreshed Individual Learning Plan and KSB reference document which makes it easier to see the 'bigger picture' with regards the journey and progress through the apprenticeship standard. In addition we have introduced (and updated) a number of standard documents, aimed at improving their experience. It is also pleasing to see detailed and regular Progress and Assessment Reviews taking place in the workplace more frequently as promised, our year 3 apprentices have been very hard at work completing NVQ assessments and BTEC assignments as we edge closer to Gateway and End Point Assessment for them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Apprentices, Employers and LDE UTC staff on how they have adapted to the new way of working during COVID 19.

Mark Watson

Director of Technical Curriculum

BTEC Assessment Summer 2020

Due to the restrictions of Covid-19, BTEC have finalised their arrangements for the assessment of learners this summer. This applies to year 3 apprentices only. They should be using a combination of the following:

- Existing confirmed external assessment grades.
- Grades from completed internally assessed units
- Estimated grades for units either incomplete or not yet started.
- Overall grade estimations
- Rank order of learners.

Centre submissions have been completed and results should be issued on the 13 August 2020.

Full details can be found in the official documentation [HERE](#)

Apprenticeship Manager Update

It is with heavy heart that we say goodbye to Apprenticeship Manager Dean Stanford who moves on to pastures new, in an exciting role in a Further Education College, although his time with us was short he accomplished so much, and we wish him every success in his future endeavours.

Congratulations therefore to **Trish Murphy** who has this month been appointed as the new Apprenticeships Manager at LDE UTC. Her experience ranges from working in training provider settings within FE & HE organisations, plus 3 years as an Apprenticeship Manager within a large levy paying employer in the construction and facilities management industry.



End Point Assessment

Apprenticeship Manager **Trish Murphy** will be making contact with you over the next few weeks, initially to introduce herself and also to discuss the End Point Assessment, where appropriate. As our Year 3 Apprentices are fast approaching the end of their apprenticeship, we are able to provide the following updates on the our End Point Assessment Organisations.

Civil Engineering Technician - End Point Assessment Organisation

We are pleased to announce that LDE UTC has now signed a contract with the ICE as the End Point Assessment Organisation for the Civil Engineering Technician standard.



Janet Benefo (Membership Development Officer).

"An ICE professional qualification is a powerful tool in enabling the recognition of competence and it belongs to you".

Digital Engineering Technician - End Point Assessment Organisation

We can also announce that we have now signed a contract with NOCN as the End Point Assessment Organisation for the Digital Engineering Technician standard.



COVID 19 - Support

As you are no doubt aware, we introduced an area named the '[Apprenticeship Hub](#)' within Padlet for apprentices to access learning resources and tasks to be completed during this time of remote learning. This has been designed to provide apprentices with a 'one stop shop' for Apprenticeship learning resources.

Please ensure you check the Padlet page regularly to access the weekly content, complete and submit tasks within the time frame given by your trainer.

In addition with the ongoing digital resources set each week via Padlet, we will be announcing some 'live' sessions before the end of term.

We appreciate these have been difficult time for some, below are links to additional support you may find useful

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

If you need to speak to a member of the Apprenticeship Team please use these contact details:

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020 3019 7333

FEEDBACK!

We have been working hard to improve our provision and it is fantastic to be able to share some feedback!

The college is providing all of the resources necessary to complete our work to the highest standard

Joseph P (Bam Nuttall Apprentice)

Use the time you have now wisely – you will reap the benefits going forward.

Karl Sherlock – Maths Tutor

I believe the college has been quite supportive during the period of COVID19 lockdown with phone calls and emails to check on our wellbeing, while updating us on the progress of our coursework

Jack B (Skanska Apprentice)

Stay disciplined, show character, and stay true to your high aspirations within this wonderful world of 'Construction and the Built Environment, Civil Engineering and Project Design'

Mike Connolly – BTEC Tutor / NVQ Assessor

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Final Thoughts

“Apprentices – Look this way!

Remember, this is your apprenticeship, you are in the driving seat – this is your journey, make sure it’s a good one! Yes there maybe bumps in the road but you are surrounded by a support network that can help you navigate and overcome them.

Speak up and be proactive if you are unsure of anything – don’t wait to be asked.

We look forward to helping you reach your destination”

Trish Murphy



E-Learning Dates

Year 1 - 23/06/2020

30/06/2020

06/07/2020

Year 2 - 22/06/2020

29/06/2020

05/07/2020

Useful Links

General Wellbeing Link -

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/improve-mental-wellbeing/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/wellbeing/wellbeing/>

<https://www.livingwellessex.org/health-and-well-being/mental-health/adult-mental-health-and-wellbeing-team-at-ecc/>

Civil Engineering Technician -

A-level maths video tutorials (<https://www.examsolutions.net/>)

Engineering Technician, Engineering Design and Draughtsperson and Maintenance Operation & Engineering Technician -

Get Fusion 360 - free & here's a great tutorial to learn CAD, build a product and export it for manufacturing. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvrHuaHhQHI&v=en>