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## Welcome from the Principal

Happy New Year and welcome to the January 2020 newsletter from Basingstoke College of Technology (BCoT).

This newsletter is filled with news about our students and their apprenticeships, as well as some extra information about the upcoming National Apprenticeship Week.

Our Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair is fast approaching and preparations are being made to ensure we engage as many new students in discovering their future with BCoT's courses and apprenticeships.

I look forward to working with you this year.



**Anthony Bravo, Principal**

## National Apprenticeship Week 2020

**'Look Beyond' has been announced as the theme for the next National Apprenticeship Week.**

National Apprenticeship Week takes place from Monday 3 February 2020 to Friday 7 February 2020 and celebrates apprenticeship success stories from across the UK.

The theme 'Look Beyond' was announced in November and is encouraging everyone to look beyond the traditional routes of employment and hiring by employing apprentices.

Our Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair takes place in National Apprenticeship Week and we look forward to showcasing our opportunities there!

Find out more about the theme and National Apprenticeship week at [gov.uk/government/news/look-beyond-announced-as-the-theme-for-national-apprenticeship-week-2020](http://gov.uk/government/news/look-beyond-announced-as-the-theme-for-national-apprenticeship-week-2020)

# BCoT Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair Monday 3 February 2020

We're hosting one of the biggest apprenticeship recruitment fairs in the South East on Monday 3 February 2020.

Applicants can come along on the day and meet more than 45 companies who are looking for apprentices. Dressed to impress, the applicants can learn all about how our apprenticeships work and can even apply there and then.

To find out more, head over to our website today.



## Distance Learning at Aspiral

Our free and flexible distance learning courses offered by BCoT's Aspiral Learning team are a great way to build your staff's experience - at no cost to your business.

**Our Distance Learning Courses are flexible and can be started any time, working around you.**

### Courses include:

- IT User Skills
- Lean Organisation Management Techniques
- Principles of Business Administration
- Principles of Customer Service
- Principles of Digital Skills for Employment
- Principles of Team Leading
- Understanding Retail Operations

For more information about these courses, visit

[bcot.ac.uk/employers/distance-learning/](http://bcot.ac.uk/employers/distance-learning/)



## First BCoT apprentice to complete new qualification

**A student from BCoT has recently become one of the first apprentices in the country to complete a brand new Gas Engineering standard qualification, after achieving a distinction for his apprenticeship.**

Jack Brind, 24, has been studying plumbing and gas at BCoT for four years, after enrolling on a Level 2 Apprenticeship in September 2015, before progressing to the brand new Level 3 City and Guilds Diploma in Gas Engineering two years later.

After undertaking his end point assessment on Wednesday 23 October, Jack is looking forward to using his skills and experience to grow his own business:

"Studying an apprenticeship is definitely the way to go if you want to get into a trade. I joined BCoT when I was 20 years-old after deciding to have a career change, and I am now fully-qualified and Gas Safe registered. I've got no big student debt at the end of it, I've been earning a salary throughout my studies, and I'm now ready to work full-time and build my own business."

Anthony Bravo, Principal of BCoT, said: "I would like to congratulate Jack on being one of the first students in the country to complete this new apprenticeship standard. We are one of the leading apprenticeship providers in the region and Jack is a fantastic example of how studying an apprenticeship with BCoT can lead to a successful career."

BCoT is one of the first colleges in the country to offer the new apprenticeship. With a brand new plumbing and gas workshop and as an official City and Guilds end point assessment centre, BCoT is proving a popular choice with local people looking for a career in plumbing and gas.



## BCoT apprentice named Apprentice of the Year

An engineering apprentice from BCoT has been named the 'Apprentice of the Year' at the 2019 Southern Manufacturing Apprentice of the Year Awards.

Darryl King, 26, was awarded the prize in the category for companies with a turnover of under £20 million, after recently completing his apprenticeship with BCoT. Darryl completed his Level 3 Apprenticeship in Engineering whilst working at Robert Bion & Co in Reading, after first joining BCoT to study a Level 2 Apprenticeship in 2016.



## Award win for former BCoT apprentice

A former apprentice at BCoT has been named the winner of the 'Apprentice Award' at the 2019 Hampshire Education Awards, which took place at The Great Hall, Winchester on Wednesday 9 October.

Sky Caves, now a Learning Technologist at BCoT, won the award in recognition of her skills in using technology to support and enhance student learning experiences.



## BCoT Business Ambassadors

Mark is Director of Fundraising and Communications at Ark Cancer Centre Charity in Basingstoke. Mark is an Ambassador for BCoT, click below to hear about his experiences of the college.



## Work experience opportunities available with BCoT

We believe that one of the best ways students can be ready for the world of work is to gain work experience and put the skills they have learnt into practice.

To ensure all of our students have this opportunity, we are looking for a range of employers who would be willing to support our students with valuable work experience placements which can range between 35 hours and 45 days.

To find out more about how you can get involved and offer work experience, email [wex@bcot.ac.uk](mailto:wex@bcot.ac.uk) or call **01256 306339**.

## Dates for your diary

**3-7 FEB** National Apprenticeship Week 2020

**3 FEB** BCoT Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair  
4.30pm to 7pm  
Basingstoke College of Technology

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