

Kent & Medway Apprentice Graduation Ceremony 2024 Press Release

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FULL AGAIN HOUSE FOR THE KENT & MEDWAY APPRENTICE GRADUATION!



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The Kent and Medway Apprentice Graduation Ceremony, which takes place on 18th October 2024 at Rochester Cathedral has once again received an overwhelming response, achieving maximum capacity for the second year in a row!

Tudor Price, CEO of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce; said, “This is the third year in a row that the Chamber has supported the Graduation Ceremony, and it’s fantastic to see that the ceremony is now firmly embedded in the Kent and Medway business event calendar. The Chamber hugely supports the promotion of apprenticeships and the role apprentices play, in ensuring our county’s businesses thrive and contribute to economic success, skills development and workforce continuity. Consequently, apprenticeships are a central feature of the Local Skills Improvement Plan, and are rightly highly valued. I and Chamber colleagues are very much looking forward to joining other stakeholders and employers in celebrating our county’s apprentices on the 18th October.”

Mark Hill, Graduation Ceremony Director; said, “It’s wonderful to be heading back to the beautiful Rochester Cathedral for a fourth year since the ceremony was founded. The volume of registrations and record support from employers and training providers is amazing. Now the detailed ceremony planning is our focus, as we prepare to deliver another fabulous Ceremony, which will engage nearly one thousand people in celebrating Kent and Medway’s apprenticeship success story.”

Pauline Smith, CEO of CXK, said, “CXK are proud to have been a sponsor of the Kent & Medway Graduation Ceremony since the inaugural event in 2019. We have seen, not only a year-on-year increase in the numbers graduating but a breadth of variety in the levels and types of apprenticeship being undertaken. Alongside this CXK has been successfully delivering the ASK (Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge) programme to an ever-increasing number of schools in Kent & Medway, to ensure that students, parents and teachers are better informed about apprenticeships and other technical education routes. Through the graduation ceremony it’s possible for graduates, family members, their employers and the training providers that helped them, to be recognised and celebrated for their achievement in line with other academic routes. I am really excited to attend the ceremony and applaud the apprentices who play such an important part in our local economy.”

Brad Levy, Strategic Lead for The Kent and Medway Careers Hub; said, “We are delighted to continue our support for the Kent Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony this year. The Kent and Medway Careers Hub is committed to amplifying Apprenticeships, technical and vocational routes for all young people. Celebrating those who have achieved their apprenticeship and discovered their careers pathway highlights to others how life-changing apprenticeship can be, and we look forward to supporting this event for many years to come.”

Ceremony sponsors and supporters are continuing to enable the graduation gowning costs, photos and family places, to be free to all apprentices from Level 2 to Level 7. The Ceremony Management Board are hugely grateful to all organisations that make the graduation happen.

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Event information including the ceremony 2023 programme, event videos and links to photo galleries are at www.appgradkandm.org

Graduation Ceremony Team Organisations

The partners who are organising this event are: CXK; Careers and Enterprise Company; Canterbury Christ Church University; CiTB, The Education People; Kent Association of Training Organisations (KATO); Medway Council; Rule 5 Solutions; NHS Kent and Medway.



The 2023 event was recorded to ensure as many people could watch the ceremony at their convenience. The video is available via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYzVJb2bZps>

A 1 minute social edit is also on the Apprentice Graduation site: <https://www.appgradkandm.org>
 For further information please contact: Mark Hill via info@appgradkandm.org

2025 Call for Supporting Funders and Sponsors

The organisers are now open to supporters for 2025. To find out how to support the AppGrad visit the sponsors' page on the Kent & Medway Apprenticeship Graduation [here](#) or see the [sponsor pack](#).

For more information visit the website at:

www.appgradkandm.org Twitter: @AppGradKandM

Instagram: AppGradKandM or via: info@appgradkandm.org – Mark Hill, [Rule 5 Solutions](#)

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