August Update

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Welcome to the August Newsletter

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Over the past few weeks young people across the UK have been anxiously awaiting their A Level and GCSE results. We have hosted several drop-in events aimed at providing guidance to school and college leavers about their next steps. If you know anyone who would like to find an apprenticeship opportunity, please get in touch. We are more than happy to help.

Elsewhere this month, we have been preparing for our new cohorts to begin in September including a new group of construction trainees and digital marketing apprentices which will be our biggest cohort to date! And in breaking news, we have just had results in for our first Food and Drink Maintenance Engineers who have sat their End Point Assessment. So far two of the group have passed, one achieving a Merit. As one of the more extensive End Point Assessments, this is a fantastic achievement.

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Focus on Unvented Components

Unvented Components Europe recruited their first apprentice in April 2022 and we asked Jessica Mason to tell us about their experience.

1. Why did you decide to recruit an apprentice?

Having recently celebrated our 10 year anniversary, Unvented Components Europe has grown to become the UK's leading online specialists in plumbing and heating spares and experts in Unvented Hot Water Cylinder systems. From our head office and warehouse on Gledhill Industrial Estate we sell through multiple channels online, including our website, Amazon, eBay, and ManoMano, and offer expert technical advice to homeowners, plumbers and merchants alike.

Bryan, Managing Director of Unvented Components, and I were looking to expand the company and grow the Sales Team. This created a gap for a receptionist/admin role and we realised it would be an ideal opportunity for an apprentice. The role we envisaged had room for growth and progression and would benefit from someone who could pick up new skills quickly and learn on the job. We also have a range of staff here with both the aptitude and enthusiasm to pass on their knowledge to someone just starting their career.

Focus on Unvented Components

2. How did you find the process of finding an apprentice?

We found the whole process very simple and were lucky not to have to wait very long before finding the right candidate. The process could not have been easier. The job was advertised for us and potential CVs were screened for suitability before being sent through by email. Once we received Sadiya's details, we knew straight away we wanted to interview her and after meeting her we offered the job straight away.

3. Would you encourage other employers to offer apprenticeships?

I would absolutely encourage other employers to offer apprenticeships. I am very impressed by the portfolio method and the guidance the modules give both apprentice and mentor on what the apprentice should be focussing on, learning and experiencing. This has enabled Sadiya to quickly take on lots of different tasks, working with numerous departments. Having someone eager and quick to learn is fantastic for the company and we have every hope that this will develop into a full-time role at the end of the apprenticeship.

Sadiya has settled in fantastically. She has displayed excellent professionalism and maturity and has adapted to every challenge she has encountered. Her progress in such a short space of time has been wonderful to observe and she has already become an valuable member of team.

4. Sadiya, how are you settling in?

I have settled in well. On the first day everyone was very welcoming and I continue to enjoy going to work. My line manager/mentor Jessica has been very supportive throughout my time here. If I need anything I know I can go straight to her. I am very lucky to have a line manager/mentor like Jessica and supportive colleagues around me. The office is a fun environment and I am really enjoying it.

Interested in hiring your own apprentice? Find out more on the next page of how to get started.

Peak time for apprenticeship recruitment

Our recruitment team is really busy right now matching this year's school and college leavers to the great apprenticeship opportunities on offer.

Inevitably the opportunities and applicants don't always match up but good applicants join our Talent Pool so that we can alert them to new opportunities as they arise. This week digital marketing vacancies have resulted in a flood of interested young people in Market Drayton, Newport and Telford. We hope that more employers will be able to offer opportunities to these great young people.

Can you offer an opportunity to a school/college leaver? It's not too late to get your vacancy out there. Our Business Development Team are on hand to guide you through the process whether this vacancy will be for your first apprentice or your tenth.

If you have family or friends wanting to join our Talent Pool, scan the QR code below:

Scan the QR Code to become part of our 'Talent Pool'

Paramedic delivers First Aid Course

Nick Baker recently joined SBC Training to help deliver First Aid training. With 38 years experience behind him and still devoting 1 day a week to the Ambulance Service, there isn't a better person for the job!

The first 3 day First Aid at Work course took place last week. This was also the first opportunity our new 'Resuscitation Annes' and choking vests were put to the test. The resuscitation dolls now have a monitor to score compressions and rescue breaths to ensure you have found the best technique.

Pictured below are 2 of our course delegates undertaking CPR on one of the new dolls:

The delegates gave fantastic feedback about the course, highlighting Nick's real-life examples insightful and invaluable.

Interested in becoming a First Aider or refreshing your training? We have more First Aid courses coming up. Our next 3 day course takes place on 31st October – 2nd November and the 1 Day Emergency First Aid at work takes place on 12th September. Call 01743 454810 or email courses@sbc-training.co.uk to book your place.

Courses 2022

Inspection and Testing (City and Guilds 2391)

- 1 week course
- Final assessment to be arranged with delegates on an individual basis
- Session dates:
    - Monday 5th September - Friday 9th September Course cost: £840 + VAT per person
- We recommend that delegates have a thorough understanding of the 18th Edition wiring regulations

18th Edition (City and Guilds 2382)

- Now covering amendment 2 (BS 7671:2018+A2:2022)
- Session dates:
    - Monday 24th October– Wednesday 26th October
- Open-book exam will take place in the afternoon of the last day
- Course cost: £375 + VAT per person
- For additional dates, please contact us
- Or go ahead and sit your exam for £109 + VAT – please call 01743 454810 to find out our availability

First Aid

- **Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day course)**
    - Session Dates: 12th September, 17th October, November 18th
- **First Aid at Work (3 day course)**
    - Session Dates: 31st October – 2nd November
- **Basic life support (1/2 day course)**
    - Contact us for dates

Contact us to find out more and to enrol:
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Courses 2022

Introduction to Construction Skills

- 2-3 day course
- You will gain a Level 1 Award in Health and Safety for Construction and a range of practical skills to help you into work
- The course is fully funded for adults in receipt of Universal Credit or unemployed jobseekers over the age of 19
- Next course date: 31 August - 2 September, 21 September - 23 September

Preparing to work in Health and Social Care

- 2 week course
- This course is ideal for anyone considering applying for a role within adult social care, including home care, residential, nursing home and supported living
- This course is fully funded via the Marches Education Partnership
- Next course date: 19th –30th September, 7th –18th November

Leadership and Management in Care

- 6 ½ day workshops
- This course is perfect for anyone working in the health and social care sector to develop their awareness of leadership and management qualities. Learners do not need to currently be in a leadership or management role.
- This course is fully funded via the Marches Education Partnership
- Next course date: Tuesday 18th October – Tuesday 22nd November

Contact us to find out more and to enrol:
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Out and About

This month we were proud to support the Oswestry Balloon Festival and Shrewsbury Flower Show as part of The Marches Education Project. Did you spot us?

Congratulations to Mrs Williams

And to end on some wonderful news, we would like to say congratulations to Sarah Joslin who got married earlier this month (Or should we say Mrs Sarah Williams!).

Sarah, Lead Trainer/Assessor at SBC Training, was originally meant to tie the knot back in 2020 before Covid restrictions forced her to re-arrange. However, the day was certainly worth the wait. The couple picked a gorgeous Summer's day without a cloud in sight.

I am sure you will join us in wishing her and her husband every happiness together.