



Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

With the new term under way, I would like to take a moment to outline what the Trust currently does to support the education – in school and beyond – of our children and young people.

A key part of your child's education experience is the exposure that we provide to the world of work, in order to ensure the very best opportunities for our young people. We are very proud of the work that we do with employers and businesses to raise aspirations of young people, broaden horizons, challenge stereotypes, and link careers to what students are learning in the curriculum. As part of our commitment to improving this experience for the benefit of your child, we would like to identify more employers who could work with us to support our careers and employability activities, and our apprenticeships programmes in all of our academies.

### **Apprenticeships**

Priory Apprenticeships is part of our education provision. We use Priory Apprenticeships to recruit and to upskill our own staff and students, as well as to work with employers across the country to develop their staff teams and individuals.

Apprenticeships are becoming increasingly popular among school leavers as a means of continuing their education while earning a salary. We are keen to work with more employers to generate more apprenticeship opportunities.

If you work in a business, are an employer, or know a business or employer which might want to work with Priory Apprenticeships in employing an apprentice, or which would like to work with us to upskill their current staff in one of the apprenticeship programmes below, we would love to hear from you. The apprenticeship programmes that we offer are:

- [Bricklayer Level 2](#)
- [Groundworker Level 2](#)
- [Property Maintenance Operative Level 2](#)
- [Business Administration Level 3](#)
- [Customer Service Practitioner Level 2 and 3](#)
- [Coaching Professional Level 5](#)
- [Team Leader or Supervisor Level 3](#)
- [Hospitality Team Member Level 2](#)
- [Information Communications Technician Level 3](#)
- [Laboratory Technician Level 3](#)
- [Careers Development Professional Level 6](#)
- [Early Years Practitioner Level 2](#)
- [Teaching Assistant Level 3](#)

### **Careers and Employability**

Across our academies, we run a calendar of careers activities in order to prepare our students for the next steps in their lives, whether that is into Sixth Form, onto an apprenticeship, into university, or entering the world of work. To do this, we are passionate about making sure the voice of industry is at the heart of everything we do.



We work with employers, businesses and industry experts to provide visits to different workplaces, to host students on individual work placements, to support and attend careers fairs, to deliver talks and seminars in school, to collaborate with us on designing T Level courses, and much more.

Supporting any of these initiatives could be at our secondary academies, our primary academies, or at our special school - we are always looking for more support, no matter how big or small!

### **How to work with us?**

Please feel free to pass this communication on to other colleagues, and if there is interest in learning more about us, or to set up a more detailed conversation, please contact us via this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZLV3Eb3yyD>, or by emailing [careers@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:careers@prioryacademies.co.uk).

We believe passionately in working in partnership with industry and business in everything we do, whether it be enrichment activity, work experience, or post-16 curriculum design and delivery. We hope that you can see how working together might be able to make a difference for you and your employer, and we look forward to working closely with you as we make a positive difference to our student's lives.