



# Employer Guide

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# Welcome

This guide is designed to provide businesses with more information about the services we provide for employers, the sectors we work in and how you can get involved.

At Milton Keynes College Group, we're proud to welcome learners of all levels – delivering exceptional education in all of our sectors. MK College, MKC Commercial, and South Central IoT offer a full range of qualifications, study programmes, apprenticeships and Higher Education to full and part-time students, and employability and key skills training programmes to local community learning centres. We're also one of the largest providers of Prison Education.

Here at MK College Group, we know that education has the power to create equal opportunities and to build fairer futures that lead to an inclusive society for all.

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By partnering with MK College you'll have access to work-ready, talented students as they complete their studies with us, ready to bring new ideas and industry-leading knowledge to your organisation.

Anna Clarke, Director of Employer Partnerships, MK College Group



# Introducing MK College Group

Our four locations in Milton Keynes – Chaffron Way Campus, Bletchley Campus, the Institute of Technology and Sports Central – offer a wide variety of courses to learners of all levels and abilities.

## Chaffron Way Campus

Based in Leadenhall, Chaffron Way boasts a multi-million-pound television studio and production gallery, commercial day nursery and state-of-the-art engineering workshops.

## Bletchley Campus

Bletchley Campus is home to our top commercial hair and beauty salon, The Graduate, our award winning training restaurant and our well-equipped gym, Courtside, offering exercise classes and the best training equipment to students and the public.



## South Central Institute of Technology



South Central Institute of Technology, a project led by Milton Keynes College Group, provides higher level technical qualifications, apprenticeships and short courses for a new generation of digital visionaries.

We work in partnership with companies who champion digital innovation and training including Microsoft, KPMG, Cranfield University, Activate Learning and many more to ensure all our qualifications are relevant to current demands in IT and Digital.

Learn more about the IoT: <https://southcentraliot.ac.uk/employers>



# Our services

As one of the region's largest and most successful further education and training providers, we are uniquely placed to help businesses to futureproof while supporting prosperity and wider economic development in Milton Keynes.

Our high quality, flexible service for employers includes expert advice, guidance and support on all aspects of work-based learning including apprenticeships, traineeships, bespoke training and professional development, covering all areas of your business.

And that's not all. From hosting a work experience placement to delivering a guest talk on your industry or giving our students a real 'live project' to work on, there are plenty of other ways you can get involved as an employer partner.



## Does your business have the skills you need for the future?

In addition to delivering apprenticeship training in dozens of different occupational areas, we can also help with upskilling your existing employees.

As a starting point, we will arrange to visit your workplace to analyse your specific training needs. We will then guide you through what's available – including any Government funding you and your staff may be eligible for – and work with you to create and deliver a training package that is completely tailored to your business.

Book a free consultation at [employerteam@mkcollege.ac.uk](mailto:employerteam@mkcollege.ac.uk)

## Train your workforce

At Milton Keynes College, we are experts in educating and training the workforce of tomorrow. We have a comprehensive portfolio of training to offer to employers and working professionals including a wide range of professional qualifications, from courses provided by accredited awarding bodies – such as AAT, CIPD and CIM – to higher education diplomas.

## Hire an apprentice

If you're looking to future-proof your workforce, apprentices can be a great way to help your business grow. Each year we support around 650 apprentices with expert tutoring in a wide variety of different occupations, from Business, Accounting and Customer Service, to Engineering, Construction, Digital Marketing and IT – the opportunities are endless!

## Work with our students

Experiencing life in the workplace is an essential part of the College's study programmes, T Levels and traineeships, and we are grateful to have the support of dozens of local businesses who provide meaningful opportunities for our students to get a real insight into working within their chosen sector.

## Become a partner

Connecting education and industry is an essential part of our commitment to developing employability skills for all our students. We have long standing relationships with many leading regional, national and international employers who all contribute directly to our aim of transforming lives through learning. From sponsorship and participation opportunities, including naming rights, to taking part in careers fairs and open events, we welcome all levels of involvement.

## Supported Internships

With your help we can offer supported internships to young people with a learning difficulty or disability. A productive working life is central to a young person's progress and we could not offer this without the input and insight of local employers. Our commitment to you is set out from the start, keeping the experience positive and simple. The internship will be bespoke to your business need, with students placed in roles that make a genuine contribution to your organisation. Our specially trained job coaches are on hand to ensure there is a positive impact from the outset and that you and the student are supported throughout.

Some employers we work with:



# Sectors we work in

- Art & Creative Industries
- Business & Professional
- Construction
- Digital & IT
- Engineering
- Hair & Beauty
- Health, Social Care & Childcare
- Hospitality
- Public Services



‘MK College is Aden’s first choice when it comes to apprenticeships due to their high-quality approach to education. They have helped to make our whole journey to taking on apprentices seamless and we are now pleased to have five Level 2 Groundworker apprentices onsite for us. We couldn’t be happier with the support and guidance we have received from the college throughout the entire process.’



Abby Garner – Sustainability Manager: Aden Contracting Ltd



# Supporting your business

Whether you're looking to recruit an apprentice or develop your existing workforce, our dedicated team of employer engagement managers are here to offer professional and friendly advice and support.

Supported by a team of more than 40 highly skilled assessors, our employer engagement team work collaboratively with over 450 employers in a wide variety of industries and sectors across the Milton Keynes and wider region each year.

All our staff are truly experts in their field having worked in industry themselves and are passionate about helping your business achieve its goals for long-term success.

## Head of Employer Engagement



Julie Jeffery

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Get in touch with the team at [employerteam@mkcollege.ac.uk](mailto:employerteam@mkcollege.ac.uk)

MK College are a fantastic provider and ensure all stakeholders receive a quality service, from the apprentices and their managers to me as the Apprenticeship Lead. MK College Tutors and the Employer Engagement Team are very responsive and communicative, other providers should take note!

Apprenticeship Manager, MKUH NHS Foundation Trust



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