

**Welcome back to a new academic year!**

We have over 20 new apprentices starting within our schools this year with some schools still recruiting. There are a mix of apprentices ranging from Level 2 up to Level 7.

## **Did you know?**

Due to the economic impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak the government has introduced incentive payments for hiring a new apprentice to help organisations offer new apprenticeships.

Employers who hire a new apprentice between 1 August 2020 and 31 January 2021 can apply for:

**£2,000 for each new apprentice aged 16 to 24**

**£1,500 for each new apprentice 25 and over**

**How the incentive payments for hiring a new apprentice works:**

You'll get the payment in 2 equal instalments. You will be eligible for 50% of the payment 90 days after the apprentice's start date, and the remaining 50% after the apprentice completes 365 days of their apprenticeship.

The apprentice will need to be in employment and undertaking their apprenticeship at these times as evidenced in the Individualised Learner Record.

**Do you know how use the apprenticeship levy within your school?**

To find out more information on how it can be used and who within your school could benefit email [workplace.learning@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:workplace.learning@derbyshire.gov.uk)

**You are paying but are you benefitting?**