

# Martec training *Times*

## IMI Apprentice Award Success for Joe!

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Martec training times! 2010 has been an extremely busy yet successful year so far for everyone involved with Martec training.

We would like to congratulate Joe Downes, pictured right, who was recently awarded Runner up Apprentice Technician of the Year at the IMI Annual Awards. There was in excess of 20,000 nominations!

The prestigious event, which celebrates the achievements of students and staff from IMI Awards approved centres, was held at Fanshaws on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June in the presence of HRH Prince Michael of Kent

Joe achieved his VRQ Level 1 in



Congratulations to Joe Downes - Runner up Apprentice Technician of the Year, pictured above with his parents who attended the event alongside him.

Motor Vehicle at Martec training earlier this year and is now currently employed as an Apprentice Vehicle Technician at Grease Monkeys in Stoke.

Joe has had to adapt a lot after losing his right arm in an accident eight years ago, he has proved during his time at Martec training and on his trial at the garage, that he is a keen, able and active team player who can carry out most routine tasks required to service and repair motor vehicles.

Joe has had to face some very negative responses due to his "disability" but he has not let this stand in the way of his ultimate goal of securing an apprenticeship. Now against the odds he has done exactly that through his sheer determination.

### Our new website..

Is now LIVE and has been totally redesigned to be more user friendly, informative and has a whole new 'fresh' look!

So why not click on to [www.martectraining.co.uk](http://www.martectraining.co.uk) and check out all the new features and courses that we offer!

There are interactive sections for parents, young people and employers carrying information, advice and guidance, up to date news, learner case studies, testimonials and lots more.

### Grant helps to provide jobs!

In March the National Apprenticeship Service offered a nationwide Grant to encourage employers to set on unemployed 16—17 year olds as Apprentices. The aim of this grant was to support employers who would otherwise not have been in a position to recruit an apprentice at this time and also to provide opportunities to young people who want to learn whilst they are in work.

The grant generated a lot of local interest and 18 employers set on an

Apprentice at a time where they couldn't usually afford to do so.

This was a great success for Martec training and is probably the highest amount of new Apprenticeship starts we have had in one single month and even better news for 18 young people who were struggling to find a job!

**If you are an employer who could offer a young person a position as an Apprentice at your company or wish to find out more please call Sian on 01782 717272**

### Air Con reminder!

Just a quick reminder for local businesses and technicians that the July 2010 EC regulation has now passed! All Mobile Air Conditioning (MAC) technicians working with cars and car derived vans, must have as a minimum requirement, a Refrigerant Handling Qualification to be able to handle F Gas and to carry on with their jobs.

If you work with Refrigerants or are a Service Technician wishing to gain ATA Accreditation then call Tracey on 01782 717272 to book an assessment at Martec training's in house ATA Assessment Centre.

## Foundation Learning - achieve your goals!

Foundation Learning is aimed at young people aged 16 - 19 years, who are not in any other education or training.

The programme is ideal for young people who are a bit unsure what they wish to do as a career, as it allows them to try out different work tasters whilst gaining valuable qualifications along the way! The aim is to help these young people decide on their next steps and provide them with the specific skills required to move into employment, further education or one of our many Apprenticeship schemes.

There are two possible routes to take - The Edexcel Entry 3 Skills for Working Life programme allows

learners to try out and gain qualifications in:- joinery, painting & decorating, motor vehicle, gardening engineering, managing money, producing a product, interview skills, health and safety and will also incorporate functional skills such as literacy, numeracy and ICT.

For those learners who have always wanted to be a mechanic then the IMI Entry 3 Motor Vehicle programme is ideal! Set at 3 levels it allows the young person to go as far as they want to, they can gain an Award, a Certificate or a Diploma.

One of the main benefits of the programme is that the young person will gain a good basic knowledge and



Pictured above—Tom Sherwin, Vehicle Fitting Apprentice

and possible work experience in their chosen area so will have an increased chance of moving into a job or progressing onto an Apprenticeship.

Tom Sherwin, pictured on the left, explains how the scheme has worked for him -

"I love cars and have always wanted to find a job where I'm more 'hands on'. I did some work experience in Vehicle Fitting at Castle Tyres whilst on my course at Martec training and I really enjoyed it! The garage has since employed me and I'm now working towards my Apprenticeship."

# The Martec training Wall of Fame

**Congratulations to all of the following achievers!**

**APPRENTICESHIPS**

**Light Vehicle Technician**

Scott Barrowdale  
Daniel Bennett  
Daniel Bourne  
Jonathon Bromley  
Nikki Cairns  
Ben Dyke  
Hayden Evans  
Taylor Freeman  
Adrian Mills  
Daniel Moss  
Adam Shelton  
Joshua Williams

**Vehicle Fitting**

Joseph Jones

**Customer Service**

Daniel Wilde (Adv)

**Retail Operations**

Dean Bartley (Adv)

**Body Refinishing**

Daniel Atkinson  
Liam Kelly  
Scott Mathias  
Daniel Powell  
Adam Robinson  
Andrew Smith

**Business Admin**

Annette Starkey  
Abigail Rowley  
Tamara D'Angelo  
Leanne Burgess (Adv)  
Gemma Burton (Adv)  
Joanne O'Toole (Adv)

**Introductory Certificate in Engineering**

Kayhan Anik - Pass  
Matthew Eaton - Pass  
Alex Baddeley - Merit  
Karol Pulowski - Merit  
Ashley Baker - Distinction  
Danny Meakin -Distinction

**IMI Entry 3 Award in Motor Vehicle AND Edexcel Entry 3 Skills for Working Life Achievers**

Marc Emery  
James Kozoswist  
Dale White  
Jon Newman  
Paul Bailey  
Giles Moorcroft  
Luke Royal  
Ashley Marsh  
Jake Finney  
James Phillips  
Kyra Johnson  
Neil Always  
Jordan Molyneux  
Sandeep Munday  
Jake Cooper  
Jamie Hudson Schofield  
Gavin Taylor  
Sean Edwards  
Ciaran Dawson

Sam Barnes Hulme  
Aidan Mills  
Jonmichael Jackson  
Luke Oates  
Jonathon Shenton  
Josh Briscoe

**IMI Entry 3 Award in Motor Vehicle**

Kristian Weston

**Edexcel Entry 3 Skills for Working Life**

Aaron Green

**Edexcel Entry 2 in Skills for Working Life**

Joshua Byrski  
Joshua Chiaramonte  
Steven Rowe  
Ben Byatt  
Matthew Dinsdales  
Nathan Dray  
Sam Heath

Jacob Hodgkinson  
Lee Need  
Joshua Powell  
Jordan Warrilow

**Edexcel Entry 2 and Entry 3 in Skills for Working Life**

Jordan Hunter

**VRQ Level 1 Motor Vehicle**

James Bennett  
Jordan Brereton  
Joe Downes  
Marcus George  
Jon Calisi  
Kyle De Kraik  
David Hackney  
Liam Hansbury  
Aaron Knapper  
Ryan Lindop  
Chris Tennant

## First Aid at Work courses

Do you know what to do in an emergency or if one of your members of staff has an accident at work? Do you have a person who is qualified to deliver first aid within your company?

Martec training can now deliver a range of first aid courses in house or at your place of work.

A 3 day HSE First Aid at Work Course is now available at just £189, this includes lunch and refreshments.

The course can be spread over a number of weeks to suit your business needs if need be.



Mick is one of Martec training's Foundation Learning Tutors, he also works as a Swimming Instructor in the evenings and is a qualified First Aid Trainer and Assessor.

Other courses available are - Emergency First Aid at Work and Paediatric First Aid.

**Call Mick or Tracey for more details on 01782 717272**

## Apprenticeships Key Facts!

Did you know that.....

**81% of consumers** favour a company which takes on apprentices

**80% of employers** who employ apprentices agree they make their workplace more productive

**Over 100,000 employers** offer Apprenticeship places in hundreds of different job roles

In the last 15 years there have been more than **2 million Apprenticeship starts**

The minimum wage for apprentices is **£95 per week**

**92% of employers** who employ apprentices believe Apprenticeships lead to a more motivated and satisfied workforce

**Training Apprentices is more cost effective** than hiring skilled staff, leading to lower overall training and recruitment costs.

**Apprenticeships can take anything from between one and four years** to complete depending on the level of Apprenticeship chosen.

A record number of **240,000 new people started an Apprenticeship last year.**

Your Feedback is our improvement! From recent surveys and feedback sheets we have identified some issues regarding Information, advice and guidance Below are three issues raised and how we have responded ..... THANKS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

Who Said?	What they said....	We DID!
<b>Employers</b>	Is there an alternative to an Employer Forum where I can be kept up to date with business matters? as its hard for me to get away at sets times.	With this comment coming from many employers we have decided to take a more reactive, convenient approach. We will come and visit you in person if you would like to discuss any qualifications, business needs or just to have a chat in general.
<b>Learners</b>	Will I be guaranteed to progress onto one of Martec training's Apprenticeship schemes after completing the Foundation Learning programme?	This is not guaranteed, but it is one of the possible progression routes. However, by being on the Foundation Learning course you will be the first people we send for Apprenticeship interviews as and when they arise, so it does increase your chances. You can help yourself further by placement hunting on your days off, or by finding work experience as this can lead to an Apprenticeship or a job.
<b>Parents/ Guardians</b>	Will my son/ daughter be entitled to EMA on the Foundation Learning Programme? If so how much is this?	Your son/ daughter may be entitled to up to £30 EMA per week whilst on the Foundation Learning Programme, this is now however means tested.