

# #MGTAPPRENTICESHIP

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## A fast-track into a career.

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Thomas joined Pendragon, one of the UK's leading operators of franchised motor dealerships in April this year (2016). He is one of the first to join as a Chartered Manager Degree Apprentice (CMDA), taking on the role of Service Advisor at dealership Evans Halshaw. At the same time he is studying through Nottingham Trent University to gain a Degree Apprenticeship and start on the path to Chartered status.

It's a different route to the traditional university path that a lot of my friends have chosen, and this course is really setting me up for my future. I am getting the opportunity to work at the UK's leading automotive retailer, gain a degree in Business Management and Leadership from Nottingham Trent University and at the end of the course will become a fully qualified Chartered Manager.

The degree apprenticeship is setting me ahead of other students who may come into a full time position following a degree. Being able to work and study at the same time means I am gaining a deep knowledge of the company and learning valuable skills that can only come with hands on experience such as business acumen and building my confidence in the workplace.

The new Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship has been developed by a group of 40 employers and universities, headed by Serco and supported by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI). Pendragon is one of the first organisations in the UK to adopt the apprenticeship, which is part funded by Government. Working alongside Nottingham Trent University, Pendragon PLC offers its employees the triple guarantee of a quality degree, on-the-job experience and a professional pathway for future development.

I feel there is real benefit in the Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship for Pendragon. They are ultimately investing in true professional management. It really is a career fast track.

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