



A clear route to leadership.

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Sam 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 joining as a Service Advisor at dealership Evans Halshaw. He is studying through Nottingham Trent University to gain a Degree Apprenticeship and set himself on the path to Chartered status.

When I heard about degree apprenticeships, I was really excited. I found the learning format at university really wasn't for me and I wanted something more hands on. The Degree Apprenticeship is a fantastic chance to attain not only a degree in Leadership and Management but also the Level 7 Chartered Manager accreditation, while gaining valuable work experience within the company. Having a professional qualification in management will open a huge number of opportunities, in the future I am aiming to reach a senior management position and this will really help me get there.

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 believe the degree apprenticeship really benefits Pendragon as it provides a clear route to becoming a potential leader who will not only have the relevant qualifications to be effective in the role but also an in depth knowledge of the business. On successful completion of the course I plan to move into a leadership role within Pendragon to further my personal and professional development.

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