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| Cirencester Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 2025 | | |
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| **Apprentice of theYear** | | |

This award celebrates the outstanding contributions and achievements of apprentices in Cirencester and the surrounding area. It recognises the value apprentices bring to their organisations and the local employment market.

Judges will be looking for:

* Evidence of exceptional contribution to the organisation.
* Passion and motivation for personal development and growth.
* Demonstrated skills, knowledge, and behaviours gained through the apprenticeship.
* Ability to overcome challenges and thrive in their role.

Show us what makes you an outstanding apprentice!

Eligible apprentices must be:

* Currently completing a recognised apprenticeship with a registered training provider or have completed one within the last 12 months.
* Working for an employer based in Cirencester or the surrounding area (GL7 postcode).

Apprentices of all levels and ages are welcome to enter.

**Checklist for Entrants**

To complete your entry, ensure you:

* Clearly explain why you chose an apprenticeship.
* Highlight your key achievements, including measurable impacts on the business.
* Provide a thoughtful reflection on your personal growth and challenges.
* Share your career goals and ambitions.
* Include a detailed and compelling employer reference that showcases your contributions.

1. Explain why you chose the apprenticeship route. What attracted you to this way of learning and working? (Max 100 words)
2. Share your key achievements during the apprenticeship. Consider how you’ve helped the business, taken on extra responsibilities, completed projects, or developed new skills and behaviours. Highlight where you’ve gone above and beyond. (Max 150 words)

1. Describe a challenge or obstacle you faced during your apprenticeship. How did you respond, and what did you learn from the experience? (Max 150 words)
2. Reflect on your personal growth. What have you discovered about your strengths, skills, or potential as a result of your apprenticeship? (Max 150 words)
3. Share your career aspirations. What are your goals for the next steps in your career and your long-term ambitions? (Max 100 words)
4. **Employer Reference:**

Outline the impact the apprentice has had on your business. Consider their contributions, attitude, performance, quality of work, interpersonal skills, and commitment to self-development. Highlight specific examples of how they’ve gone above and beyond or responded to challenges. (Max 200 words)

1. **Training Provider Reference:**

Provide details on how the apprentice has performed in their formal training. Consider their engagement in learning, the quality of their work, and their approach to assignments set by their work-based coach. (Max 200 words)

You might want to include:

* Exam performance or assessment results.
* How they have applied themselves to training and coursework.
* Evidence of how their skills, knowledge, and behaviours have developed during their apprenticeship.