

Apprenticeships are up for grabs

College plan Open Day to meet job vacancy demand

Huntingdonshire Regional College are planning an open day next month to deal with an influx of apprenticeship opportunities offered by local businesses. Steve Favell, Business Development Manager for HRC explained 'In the past, the College has had plenty of interest from students and our dilemma has always been to find places for them within the workplace. However, due to some generous funding by the Government we now have the unprecedented predicament of more full time apprenticeship placements available than the demand from those looking for employment.' The College, through their Business Services Department, work together with both students and local employers to bridge the gap between education and the work place and use their resources to help find employers for the waiting students. This is the first year the tables have been turned, and it's thought to be caused by the extra funding currently available to local businesses who wish to take on an apprentice. Many employers are currently entitled to £2500 funding when they take on a new apprentice and therefore the interest this year has been exceptionally high from the business community.'

An Open Day is planned for Monday 1st February from 12am to 7pm and HRC are encouraging both students looking for full time employment and employers who would like to find out more about these new funded apprenticeships to come along, register their interest and discuss their requirements with a member of the Services to Business team. The full time opportunities on offer are particularly for business administration and customer services although there are a number of apprenticeships available in other sectors too.

If you would like to find out more about workforce training opportunities contact the Services to Business Department at Huntingdonshire Regional College on 01480 379105 or log onto www.huntingdon.ac.uk

Photo of Motor Vehicle apprentice students in the workshop

