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Bournemouth & Poole College are delighted to announce that its first Degree Apprentices have successfully completed their end point assessment.

Among the successful apprentices is Ed Holbrook. Ed is the first level 6 Manufacturing Engineer degree apprentice to complete his course that is run in partnership with Cobham and Bournemouth University.

Degree Apprenticeships are national programmes that offer an innovative way to gain a degree by combining a full-time job with study. Degree apprentices benefit from earning whilst they study and having their university fees paid for by their employer.

Degree Apprentices also have the opportunity to gain professional accreditation and membership which help them progress in their future careers. Our Engineering Degree apprentices can gain accreditation from the Institute of Mechanical Engineers and Institution of Engineering Designers, as well as having the experience and opportunity to apply for Incorporated Engineer status.

Ed Holbrook, Manufacturing Engineer Degree Apprentice, said: "My apprenticeship provided me with a great opportunity to align with industry recognised standards, not just in the classroom, but also within the workplace. By completing an End Point Assessment, vocational, academic and behavioural skillsets were solidified, and I gained an accreditation from an industry recognised authority. This not only has a significant benefit for me as an individual to validate occupational competency, but also supports the organisation that I am working for."

Cobham said: "We are extremely proud of everyone who has completed the programme this year. The process really helps culminate all the hard work over the years and showcases their development as engineers. Bournemouth and Poole College have always supported our apprentices and are an important part of why we have been so successful."

We offer Degree Level Apprenticeships ranging from Higher National Certificates and Diplomas through to Foundation Degrees and full Bachelor's Degrees all validated by our partners, such as Bournemouth University.

We are the largest provider of further education and apprenticeships in the county. We work with businesses across Dorset and the surrounding areas to deliver over 30 different apprenticeships. There are a range of courses to suit most interests, with Intermediate (Level 2), Advanced (Level 3), Higher (Foundation Degree Level) and Degree apprenticeships on offer in nine different sectors, including catering and hospitality, social media and electronics.