



- 1** You get real, 'hands-on' practical experience in a real job role.
- 2** You will have access to great support when you train - this will be from working alongside experienced people in your workplace and also from specialist trainers from your apprenticeship training provider who are there to help you gain the skills and knowledge you need to succeed.
- 3** Gain the skills employers want. Many apprenticeships, and therefore the skills, knowledge and behaviours that you learn, have been designed in conjunction with employers so they are what employers want and value and could give you the advantage when applying for jobs in the future.
- 4** Different levels to suit you and your ambitions. There are lots of different levels of apprenticeship and ones that suit school leavers at 16, people finishing college, university graduates.
Lots of career choices. People often think that apprenticeships are for certain technical and practical jobs such as automotive technician or hairdressing. However nowadays there are apprenticeships in most sectors from digital marketing through to law and new apprenticeships are being developed all the time.
- 5** Avoid student loans. Many who go to university come out with a significant amount of debt. As an apprentice, your employer pays for your training and also pays you a salary.
- 7** Build your professional networks. On an apprenticeship you will naturally meet lots of people across your business and perhaps with external suppliers and agencies.
- 8** Stand out from the crowd. Apprenticeships are an excellent way to gain access to a company or a sector you want to work in, and if you do a really good job and become a valued member of the team it will put you in a strong position when there are permanent job opportunities.
- 9** Learn transferable skills. As apprentices do real jobs in real work environments, you gain the softer skills that will help you throughout your career and make you more confident such as team working, effective communication and problem solving.
- 10** Enjoy what you do

