

EMILY CARPENTER

Emily is one of our newest apprentices here at Warwick. Emily joined the nursery team in September and is undertaking a level 2 apprenticeship in Early years with Coventry Chamber of Commerce

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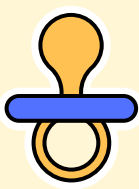
WHAT MADE YOU CHOOSE YOUR APPRENTICESHIP AT WARWICK?

When I was younger I loved looking after my sister, babysitting and looking after the younger children at dance so knew I wanted to go into childcare as a career.



My parents met when they worked together in the physics department here at Warwick and I came to the Warwick nursery when I was a baby

I have some memories of being here although the nursery is now located in a different building. Some of the people who are now my colleagues looked after me when I was here as a baby!



I also chose Warwick because of its great reputation. The nursery has an 'outstanding' judgement from Ofsted and a great reputation for childcare apprenticeships.

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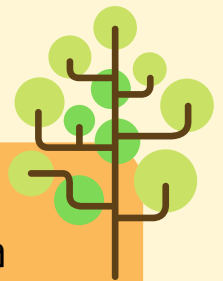
WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT DOING AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Everything!



I love getting the practical experience as well as the qualification

I get to learn in a supported environment



I enjoy the opportunity to go into college every Friday

I get to put my learning straight into practice



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WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES STUDYING VIA AN APPRENTICESHIP ROUTE MAKE?

I don't think going to college alone would have prepared me thoroughly enough for the role. Changing a nappy on a doll is very different to a wriggling baby!

I love the fact that I am getting both the practical experience as well as the qualification.



This is my first job (I had a paper round and have previously done some volunteering) and the apprenticeship route has given me the opportunity to make the transition from school to the workplace in a supported way.



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WHAT DIFFERENCE DO YOU FEEL APPRENTICESHIPS MAKE HERE AT WARWICK?



The nursery team really think about how to structure my apprenticeship so I can maximum the opportunity and can ensure I am experienced in all areas.



I think the University benefits from having apprentices as we are able to bring back the latest learning. This benefits both the team and the children.

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WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO AFTER YOU FINISH YOUR APPRENTICESHIP?

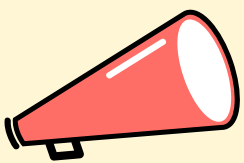
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I would definitely like to complete the level 3 early years apprenticeship and I am hoping to then go on to work towards the degree level apprenticeship in childcare. ”



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WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO OTHERS CONSIDERING AN APPRENTICESHIP?



Do it!

I am glad I didn't just go to college to study childcare



I think the apprenticeship has given me a much better learning experience.

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