

# Apprenticeship Case Study

## About me: Darren Stopler | Westover Nissan

Darren Stopler started his Apprenticeship at Westover Nissan working in their workshop, as well as one day a week at Paragon's motor workshop in Bournemouth.

Westover Nissan is part of the Westover Group and is one of the south's largest independent car dealer groups, with 17 showrooms (as well as parts, service and accident repair centres) across Dorset, Wiltshire and Hampshire.

After successfully completing the Apprenticeship, Darren went on to finish his Advanced Apprenticeship in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair.

Darren found the combination of working at a real job and training at the same time really worthwhile.

"Being in the workshop was great. I learnt so much from the mechanics they were really friendly and helped me to learn more complex jobs. It was also excellent to earn money at the same time."



Darren's day-to-day role involves liaising with customers, servicing cars, using electronic test equipment and road testing the cars.

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skills for the motor industry

# The Motor Industry

provides job opportunities all over the world for highly skilled mechanics and technicians.

It's a dynamic, high tech, challenging and exciting environment in which to build a career.

If you have a genuine interest in the world of cars and trucks, if you have good mechanical awareness and like solving problems, a Motor Vehicle Apprenticeship or Advanced Apprenticeship could be for you.

## Motor Vehicle Apprenticeships

There are several career options within the Motor Industry and Paragon Skills for Industry has a range of apprenticeships to get you started on the career you want. Taking an apprenticeship means that you will be working and learning at the same time. As well as having a real job with real pay, you'll be working towards qualifications relevant to the route you've chosen – which means gaining the skills and experience employers want and developing great career prospects!

## So, What Will I Learn?

Motor Vehicle Apprenticeships are available in:

- » Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair
- » Heavy Vehicle Maintenance and Repair
- » Vehicle Body and Paint Operations (Body Repair)
- » Vehicle Body and Paint Operations (Body Refinishing)

Once you've completed your apprenticeship you can progress onto an advanced apprenticeship where you can develop more advanced craft and diagnostic skills and prepare for progression to supervisory or junior management roles.

An apprenticeship takes two years to complete and an advanced apprenticeship four years.

Don't worry if you are unsure which route is best – it's our job to help you choose the best course for you.



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## So, How Does it Work?

From day one you will be learning the skills of the trade in the workplace, with your employer. You will be earning a wage from the start of the apprenticeship. We will visit you at regular intervals in your workplace to assess your practical ability, and we will provide ongoing support.

You will also be required to attend training sessions at one of our skill centres on a day or block release basis. Here you will learn technical knowledge and be able to practice in one of our fully equipped workshops.

## So, What Happens Next?

If you think that the Motor Vehicle Industry has the career path for you, contact us now.

You will be required to pass an aptitude test and have a reasonable ability in maths, science and English.

All you need to do now is contact us so that we can invite you in for an interview with one of our friendly team. They will discuss the different options with you to help you decide which apprenticeship will be best for you. We will help you find an employer where necessary and guide you through every step of the way.



## So, What About the Future?

The Motor Vehicle Industry offers excellent career opportunities – an apprenticeship is just the beginning.

The qualifications and skills you will gain will keep you in high demand; you'll have excellent pay prospects and opportunities for promotion into supervision and management. With such a vast, world-wide industry, the sky really is the limit!

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