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Gen2 welcomes record number of Higher Education Students

Cumbrian based training provider, Gen2, is set to welcome over 150 higher education students this week with programmes including Higher Nationals, Foundation Degrees and BEng Honours Degrees.

Students will start their training across the county from Gen2 training centres based in Workington, Carlisle and Furness. Amongst those starting are 33 students who will commence a degree apprenticeship with companies including Morgan Sindall, Jacobs, Balfour Beatty and Sellafield Ltd. The degree apprenticeship takes place over 5 years and after completing a rigorous academic and vocational programme they will complete a level 6 apprenticeship which will include an Honours Degree in Engineering.

Student numbers for Gen2's Higher Nationals HNC and HND programmes have also increased thanks to continued support from organisations such as Glaxo Smith Kline, BAE and Kimberly Clark.

Mike Smith OBE, Chief Executive Officer said, "This year we have seen continued growth in our Higher Education programmes, with numbers at an all-time high since the formation of the higher education team over 10 years ago. This growth is driven by customer demand for high quality higher education programmes, which provide a seamless fit into industry. Our

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higher education learners are employed from day one, and as such, are able to develop their vocational skills as well as attain exceptional grades in their academic studies. Increasingly students are choosing to adopt alternative routes to higher education, driving demand for these programmes. These programmes are only possible thanks to the investment in local young people of many Cumbrian employers who are striving to develop and retain exceptional talent within the County.”

One new programme which has been developed this year is the new degree apprenticeship in quality engineering. This apprenticeship is amongst the first in the UK and is supported by the Chartered Quality Institute.

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