



# SUSSEX SKILLS SOLUTIONS

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## OFSTED

The college is overdue for an Ofsted inspection and we know we will get the call over the coming (few) months! For any educational establishment this is a bit like the VAT inspector coming – we need to have everything in order!

The inspectors are likely to want to speak to a number of our apprentice employers and probably some apprentices too.

As we prepare for the inspection there may be some insistence from our tutors/assessors for apprentices to tidy up their portfolios and to ensure they have kept their Off the Job training log up to date.

We would ask that you support your apprentice in doing this as a positive inspection outcome is good for everyone!

## SURVEYS

We have recently sent a survey to all employers of an apprentice and we very much hope that you have already responded. We value your input and as this last year has been a challenge for everyone we are genuinely interested in your feedback. We hope that we won't ever have to return to on-line learning but if there is anything you would like to report about the way in which we have delivered the training for your apprentice we would like to hear from you. If you have not received the survey please do contact Penny Shearer [penny.shearer@escg.ac.uk](mailto:penny.shearer@escg.ac.uk)

## TERM DATES

The college will be closing Friday 9 July 2021 for the summer holidays. For progressing apprentices it is likely that the college will reopen the week commencing Monday 6 September and for new apprentices college will likely start the week commencing Monday 13 September. We will keep you updated in regards to these dates.



## THE DIGITAL APPRENTICESHIP SERVICE (DAS) ACCOUNT

As mentioned in previous newsletters if you take on an apprentice, who is a new employee, that started/starts with the organisation between 1 April 2021-30 September 2021, you will be able to apply for a £3,000 Covid Apprenticeship Grant. This grant is split into two amounts; so the first half you would receive at the earliest 90 days after enrolment and the second payment would be received 365 days after enrolment.

This newsletter serves as a reminder, for those employers that are eligible for the grant. Please make sure that you apply for the grant once your apprentice has been enrolled, to make use of this incentive. You can do so through your DAS account.



## COLLEGE CLOSURE

On Friday 9 July 2021, the whole college will be closed for a Staff Development Day. All calls will be forwarded to answer phone and will be returned once the team are back in college on Monday 12 July 2021. Please note that some of the assessors and teaching staff will not work over the summer holidays, however the Apprenticeship Team will be available to answer any queries (contact details below.)

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