



Claire Perry

MP for the Devizes Constituency

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Claire Perry welcomes the creation of almost 2,000 Apprenticeships in the Devizes Constituency

New data shows that 1,840 Apprenticeships were delivered in the Devizes Constituency in the 2010/11 academic year, an increase of 16% on 2009/10.

Commenting Claire Perry MP said:

‘This is great news for the businesses and young people in the Devizes Constituency. Nationally, a record rise in apprenticeship numbers, particularly in Advanced ‘A’ level equivalent qualifications shows the Government’s commitment to helping employers train the skilled workers they need to build a stronger economy and sustainable growth.’

Skills Minister John Hayes said:

“This Government is putting practical learning at the centre of our national life, restoring the purposeful pride that builds successful careers, drives prosperity and forges strong communities.

“But I am determined to do more, by stripping away bureaucracy for small firms, continuing to drive up standards and working with firms to create even more apprenticeship opportunities in coming years. And to help young people who currently lack basic skills make the grade for an apprenticeship, our Access to Apprenticeships programme will provide 10,000 work experience and training opportunities every year.”

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Notes to editors:

- Apprenticeship figures published by the Department Business Innovation and Skills – 27 October 2011 <http://nds.coi.gov.uk/content/Detail.aspx?ReleaseID=421770&NewsAreaID=2>

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