

Press release



Bosch's first ever group of automotive apprentices graduate

- Scheme was established to coincide with the 100-year milestone of Robert Bosch taking on his first apprentice
- Apprentices attend training at Bosch's state-of-the-art Service Training Centre, near London
- Bosch is currently recruiting for its fourth, and largest yet, intake

Completing their training, the first eight apprentices have been gaining crucial expertise at Bosch's Service Training Centre (STC) while working at their local independent Bosch Car Service garage. Over the last three years the scheme has continued to enrol more and more apprentices each year and this September will mark the fourth year it has been operating, with Bosch currently recruiting for its largest intake yet.

Offering brilliant opportunities for young technicians, the scheme has the long-term goal to offer garages a quality apprentice programme they can rely on, helping them future-proof their skill sets. The apprenticeship scheme provides the Bosch Car Service garage with the added value of an apprentice being trained by Bosch on Bosch equipment, with a full induction, mentoring and monitoring structure providing feedback and guidance for both apprentices and their employers.

Frazer Currall, apprentice at Bond Street Car Service said of the scheme: "The past three years have been challenging but fun. I've learnt more than just being an automotive technician, I've learnt new skills for life. It was all made possible by some great tutors."

Chris Golding, apprentice at Barrett-Lee agreed saying: "I have gained a lot of skills and knowledge, and I am very pleased with what I have achieved." Barrett-Lee company director Michael Holt said: "We are delighted for Chris following his graduation from the Bosch scheme and he deserves much credit for all his hard work. To be trained by Bosch experts means Chris has had access to the very best knowledge in this sector."

The scheme allows the apprentices to benefit from both practical and theoretical training while earning a living, providing a good balance of on-the-job experience and technical training. Now at the end of three years the apprentices have learnt the necessary skills to complete their level two and level three VRQ and VCQ, and their IMI accreditation.

At a ceremony celebrating the end of their time with Bosch, each was given a certificate, personalised pen and an OBD 100, a handy, pocket-sized diagnostic tool for fault reading. Alex Gibson, Apprentice Trainer/Assessor at Bosch has been working with the trainees, and presented them with their certificates. He said: "We are incredibly proud of our apprentices and how much they have learned and improved over the past three years. It is sad to see

them move on but we know they will carry their knowledge with them as they continue in their careers.”

For more information about Bosch training opportunities, please see the website: http://uk-ww.bosch-automotive.com/en/services_support_workshopworld/training/startpage_training

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In the UK, Bosch has been present since 1898, when Robert Bosch opened the company’s first office outside Germany. Every one of the Bosch Group’s business sectors has a presence in the UK: Automotive Technology, Industrial Technology, Consumer Goods, and Energy and Building Technology. Bosch operates in the UK as Robert Bosch Limited and employs around 5,300 associates across 41 sites. In 2014, Bosch generated revenues in the UK of 3.7 billion euros.

The Bosch Group is a leading global supplier of technology and services. It employs roughly 375,000 associates worldwide (as of December 31, 2015). The company generated sales of 70.6 billion euros in 2015. Its operations are divided into four business sectors: Mobility Solutions, Industrial Technology, Consumer Goods, and Energy and Building Technology. The Bosch Group comprises Robert Bosch GmbH and its roughly 440 subsidiaries and regional companies in some 60 countries. Including sales and service partners, Bosch’s global manufacturing and sales network covers some 150 countries. The basis for the company’s future growth is its innovative strength. Bosch employs 55,800 associates in research and development at 118 locations across the globe. The Bosch Group’s strategic objective is to deliver innovations for a connected life. Bosch improves quality of life worldwide with products and services that are innovative and spark enthusiasm. In short, Bosch creates technology that is Invented for life.

The company was set up in Stuttgart in 1886 by Robert Bosch (1861-1942) as Workshop for Precision Mechanics and Electrical Engineering. The special ownership structure of Robert Bosch GmbH guarantees the entrepreneurial freedom of the Bosch Group, making it possible for the company to plan over the long term and to undertake significant up-front investments in the safeguarding of its future. Ninety-two percent of the share capital of Robert Bosch GmbH is held by Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH, a charitable foundation. The majority of voting rights are held by Robert Bosch Industrietreuhand KG, an industrial trust. The entrepreneurial ownership functions are carried out by the trust. The remaining shares are held by the Bosch family and by Robert Bosch GmbH. Additional information is available online at www.bosch.co.uk, [@BoschUK](https://twitter.com/BoschUK), www.facebook.com/BoschUK