

## LEARNER: CHARLOTTE WOOD

### City and Guilds NVQ Level 2 in Sport Recreation

Charlotte Wood, aged 20 completed an apprenticeship with Swim UK whilst working as a lifeguard for a leisure centre. She decided to complete the apprenticeship to become a qualified swimming teacher, help find work abroad and gain experience and skills in teaching swimming.

Whilst on the programme, Charlotte qualified as a swimming teacher, became experienced in teaching, learnt important life skills and made new friends.



*Charlotte said “the apprenticeship gave me the ability to teach swimming, life skills, improved confidence in myself and I achieved my dream”.*

Since completing the apprenticeship Charlotte has gone on to work abroad as a swimming coach for Thomson Holidays (TUI UK) in Tenerife and in the future hopes to open her own swim school abroad.

*Charlotte said “the apprenticeship is such a fantastic opportunity and I recommend it to everyone. It gives you so many opportunities in life such as working in the UK and especially overseas. It gives you more self confidence and a lot more confidence in doing your job properly”.*

#### **What you didn't know about Charlotte . . . . .**

When she isn't teaching she likes sailing, running and skiing. Charlotte says “everyone should live life to the full”.

The apprenticeship programme offered by Swim UK allows individuals working in the leisure industry the opportunity to gain a range of qualifications whilst training to become a fully qualified swimming teacher.

The apprenticeship enables individuals to gain experience in teaching swimming whilst gaining their ASA/UKCC Level 1 and/or Level 2 Teaching Aquatics Qualification. The experience individual's gain from the apprenticeship is invaluable and is fundamental in helping them progress and build as a teacher. It usually takes around 6-12 months to complete and once completed they will be a fully qualified swimming teacher.