CASE STUDY



LEARNER: JADE COHEN

City and Guilds NVQ Level 2 in Activity Leadership

Jade Cohen aged 19, started working for Brighton Swimming School as a pool lifeguard after finishing college. After six months working at swim school, Jade decided to do the apprenticeship programme to enable her to become a fully qualified swimming teacher. As she was under 19 at the time of starting her apprenticeship she was able to complete it for free.

The apprenticeship has allowed Jade to gain extra work and increase her confidence as a swimming teacher. It has helped Jade develop her career as she is able to gain work as a fully qualified swimming teacher. Jade said "what I enjoyed most about the apprenticeship was meeting new people, the staff at Swim UK are lovely and if you are ever in need of some helpful advice they will endeavour to help".



Jade is still a qualified lifeguard but since her apprenticeship is also working as a swimming teacher for Brighton Swimming School.

Jade said "The apprenticeship scheme has provided me with a qualification that I can use in many different places around the world. It has allowed me to use it to benefit my working situation and meet lots of new people".

What you didn't know about Jade

When she's not in the pool she's out at sea. Jade volunteers for RNLI Brighton, she has grown up around lifeboat as it runs in her family. The station had its busiest year in 2011 with 92 shouts and Jade said "It's rewarding to help those in trouble at sea".

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.

Are you employed within the leisure industry for 16+ hours per week? You could be eligible to complete the apprenticeship for free.