

## National Apprenticeship Week 2026: Shaping Careers and Supporting the Future of Dentistry

National Apprenticeship Week runs from **Monday 9th to Sunday 15th February 2026**, bringing organisations across all sectors together to celebrate the value apprenticeships add to people, employers and communities across the UK.

As a forward-thinking dental employer committed to developing our people and strengthening patient care, **[your company name]** is proud to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week 2025. This annual celebration highlights how apprenticeships open doors to rewarding careers and help build confident, capable teams in a hands-on, fast-moving profession.

At **[your company name]**, we recognise the vital role apprenticeships play in closing skills gaps, supporting progression and improving the care experience for our patients. The blend of structured learning and real-world practice prepares our apprentices for the demands of modern dentistry.

### Our commitment to apprenticeships

We firmly believe in the potential of apprenticeships to shape the future of our workforce. **[Your company name]** actively invests in apprenticeship programmes, working with **Tempdent**; a specialist dental training and recruitment provider with **25+ years** in the profession, to give people practical experience and role-ready skills that match the needs of dentistry today.

Partnering with Tempdent ensures our apprentices receive high-quality, dentistry-specific training and support, with clear pathways across Dental Nurse (Level 3) and progression routes such as Oral Health Practitioner and Practice Manager, alongside post-registration courses and CPD that keep skills growing.

We currently have **[insert number]** apprentices on programme, **[insert number]** colleagues who have completed their apprenticeship. We have partnered with Tempdent since **[insert date]**, and during this time we've seen how apprenticeships support career growth, build confidence and strengthen the quality of care we deliver.

### The Power of Apprenticeships: A Word from Tempdent

"National Apprenticeship Week is a powerful moment to recognise the dedication of our dental employer partners and the achievements of the learners shaping the future of the profession. At Tempdent, we believe apprenticeships bridge the gap between learning and real practice. We continually refine our curriculum and delivery to provide a genuinely transformative experience.

We remain committed to offering high-quality, future-focused apprenticeships and post-registration courses that inspire and empower learners while strengthening the dental workforce. Together with employers, we're building strong, motivated teams who deliver excellent patient care."

## Why Apprenticeships Matter to Us

For us, apprenticeships are more than a route into dentistry; they're a cornerstone of how we grow talent and raise standards. Apprentices bring fresh energy and ambition; structured training builds competence and confidence; and clear progression pathways help us retain great people for long term careers in dentistry

**[Insert paragraph here about the impact in your practice—e.g., improved chairside efficiency, better compliance, faster onboarding, reduced vacancies, or developing future lead nurses/practice managers.]**

National Apprenticeship Week sparks conversations about how work is evolving, the skills dentistry needs for tomorrow, and the vital role apprenticeships will play in shaping a resilient, patient-centred workforce.

**“[Insert quote from your L&D lead here—for example, how apprenticeships improve confidence and consistency, the importance of apprenticeships in professional growth, support compliance and GDC standards, and create clear career pathways across the practice.]”**

## Celebrating success and looking ahead

National Apprenticeship Week is an opportunity for us to recognise the dedication of our apprentices, celebrate their achievements, and reaffirm our commitment to developing a skilled and confident dental workforce. Through our continued partnership with Tempdent, we are proud to support meaningful development that strengthens our team and enhances patient care; building careers and pursuing dental excellence. Together, we look forward to shaping the future of dentistry—one apprenticeship at a time.

