



AUTUMN / WINTER 2009

NEWS @ G.T.A

NEED HELP FINDING STAFF - APPRENTICE RECRUITMENT

Recruitment began in July 2009 and there are still lots of eager young people waiting to start their apprenticeship in Motor Vehicle, Body Repair, Parts Department and Business Studies.

If you are looking to increase your workshop / office staff, you may wish to consider taking on an apprentice, please contact Ralph Green or Neil Corfield on (01302) 832831 for further information.

WELL DONE TO ALL FULL FRAME WORK ACHIEVERS

The following students have achieved their full Level 2 or Level 3 Apprentice Framework:-

Mark Clare – Sheffield Tacho Tailift Services Limited, Luke Hawkins – F & G Commercials Limited, Michael Stephenson – AT Autos, Samantha Dooney – Doncaster GTA, Fiona Barker – B.M.W. UK Limited, Liam Wootton – Dearnside Motors, Ben Meredith – Sherwood Truck & Van, Thomas Oleisky - F . Cross & Son Limited, Chris Mcgreavy – Oughtred & Harrison, James Storey – Just Test Auto, Jamie Green – Doncaster GTA, Gary Sadler – A & R Motors Services Limited, Sam Carney – Rotherham Motor Company, Daniel Wright – Sheffield Motorcycles Centre, Andrew Butterworth – PI Motors, Zac Bows – Bows Garage, Ashley Freeman – F. Cross & Son Limited, Daniel Chappell – Ricks Tyres, James Fisher – RTC Group, Matt Groves – Doncaster GTA, Michael Herrington – Rotherham Car & Commercial, Sam Walters – AMG Automotive Service Limited, Vincent Dodgson – Station Motor Company, Shane Davies – Eagle Mobile Repairs, Ricky Warren – Smiths Auto Kilnhurst Limited, Liam Broad – Tickhill Garage, Leslie Warren – Perry’s Motor Sales, Lee Markham – Belmont Garage, Naveed Hussain – Rosedale Garage, James McEwan – Stoneacre, Rikki Clayton – Ladyline Services.

GTA NOW TEACHING IN WALES!

Wales High School near Rotherham has a dedicated training unit for 14 to 16 year olds near the school. During the summer holidays they decided to introduce Motor Vehicle Studies as one of their vocational subjects and asked the GTA for advice to equip a workshop and provide a group tutor.

The group of year 10 learners are being taught every Thursday by Neil Oakland who describes the group as very enthusiastic and “a cracking set of lads”. The learners are studying for a Level 2 Technical Certificate and are very capable both in class and workshop.

Feedback from the school so far has been very positive so hopefully the school will view the arrangement with the GTA as a good step forward.



NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE RATE FROM OCTOBER 2009

£5.80 an hour for workers aged 22 and over

£4.83 an hour for workers aged 18 to 21

£3.57 an hour for workers aged 16 to 17

An exemption exists for 16 – 18 year old apprentices on LSC funded programmes. These can be paid a minimum of £95.00 per week so long as they are allowed time to follow their training programme.

FREE OFFER TO ALL APPRENTICE PLACEMENT

Any company who provides a placement to a GTA apprentice can have a free IOSH Working Safely course for one employee. Contact Neale Johnson for more details.

DRIVERS CPC

The new Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) qualification is now up and running. We are delivering one day courses in association with Mercedes Benz Driver Training and they have started strongly.

The basic requirements mean that every existing LGV & PCV / PSV driver must complete 35 hours of training every five years. The training must be approved by a Government body (Joint Approval Unit for Periodic Training, or JAUPT) and must be relevant to the transport industry. The training must be completed as seven hour modules and after each module the driver's details are downloaded onto a central database administered by the Driving Standards Agency (DSA). Failure to complete the 35 hours of training in a five year period (by September 2014) will effectively mean the driver is driving his LGV or PCV without a licence and may be fined up to £1000.00, if checked by the police or VOSA.

At Doncaster GTA we have secured a contract to provide training for Greencore Prepared Foods on their site. The courses are being attended by ten drivers every month. The drivers are generally enjoying the training course once they have overcome their initial concerns and the rumours and myths have been quashed. We have also programmed courses at our own Doncaster and Sheffield sites, which have also been well received, with good feedback although attendance has been steady.

The modules we offer include: - Drivers' Hours and Legislation, Truck Technology and Safety, Load Safety and Driver Well – Being,

As an added bonus each delegate attending our ADR Dangerous Goods courses are able to claim Driver CPC credit. If they attend a full initial course they can claim three days Driver CPC credit (21 hours), and if they attended a full ADR Refresher course they can claim one day Driver CPC credit (7 hours). This provision has been taken up by many delegates already, thus killing two birds with one stone!!

In the pipeline for the near future we are looking forward to further modules from Mercedes Benz to include specific PCV material, although if they are dual licence holders (LGV & PCV) they are only required to do one set of 35 hours of training.

If anyone is unsure of Driver CPC requirements or would like any questions answering please contact Darren Ieronimo on (01302) 832831.

CHAS (Contractors Health and Safety Scheme)

The GTA has been accredited under the Contractors Health and Safety Scheme (CHAS). This is a National Award that sets a minimum standard for companies contracting with Local Authorities.

As those of you who work with us know we are always willing to provide advice, guidance and training on any Health and Safety issues. Email nealejohnson@doncastergta.co.uk

GREAT NORTH RUN

On the 26th September Neale Johnson ran the Great North Run for Parkinson UK and raised £680.00 (including gift aid). Neale would like to thank everyone for their support especially Jon and Madie who gave up their day to transport him to and from the event.

ATA

As you well know the GTA has been actively involved with ATA Accreditation for the last two years with Service Maintenance, Diagnostic Technician and Air Conditioning (DEFRA), which will run in line with 2010 Air Conditioning Legislation. We are now introducing Body Repair, Vehicle Refinishing and Senior Technician. This will give a more complete range of ATA Accreditation which the GTA can offer to the Motor Industry.

CENTRE OF VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRONICS.

Course dates:-

Air Bag Safety:	26 th January 2010
High Pressure Diesel Injections:	23 rd February 2010
Air Conditioning:	30 th March 2010
Basic Electric:	27 th April 2010
Multiplexing:	25 th May 2010
Antilock Braking System:	29 th June 2010

For more information on course programmes contact Nigel Jackson.