Training & Apprenticeships

In Partnership with Coleg Cambria

For more information, search ‘Village Bakery Apprenticeships’ on Youtube or visit: www.villagebakery.co.uk/careers
The Village Bakery comprises of three modern bakeries all within Wrexham, North Wales. We are family owned and managed craft bakeries producing a range of Bread, Pies, Morning Goods and gluten free products.

Working with Coleg Cambria, we are able to offer a number of baking and engineering apprenticeships to those wishing to pursue a career in the food industry. Our apprenticeships are nationally recognised qualifications that offer candidates the opportunity to combine theoretical learning and practical on-the-job training whilst also earning a competitive wage.

Due to open in 2015, we have recently invested in a £3million Baking Academy and Innovation Centre that will feature state of the art equipment and help train the next generation of bakers and engineers.
As a Bakery Apprentice, you’ll work towards an **NVQ in Bakery Technology** which includes learning the principles of bread fermentation, chemical aeration and lamination. You’ll spend one day a week with a **dedicated tutor** who will teach you core baking skills with the remainder of the time working in production under the guidance of **experienced Managers & Bakers**.

Through functional skills Wales, candidates will also have the opportunity to develop their Maths and English skills.

As you progress, you’ll get to take on more **responsibility** in the bakery and following completion, could progress to **supervisory level** or above.

“Candidates will gain a full understanding of how ingredients and processes work and from this will gain the confidence needed to influence production”

**Phil Tune, Apprenticeship Tutor**
“Working at Village Bakery has given me a fantastic insight into electrical and mechanical engineering through both theoretical understanding and practical experience.”

Tim Pluves, Engineering Apprentice

As an Apprentice Engineer you will work towards an NVQ in Engineering whilst gaining hands on experience across a variety of tasks.

Working alongside experienced Engineers and with state of the art equipment, you will learn all aspects of engineering including electrical, mechanical, pneumatic, hydraulics and steam. Using up to date methods and technologies, you will learn to install and maintain equipment from bread plants and mixers to hotplates and silos.

You will develop your skills in conjunction with an agreed training package and will learn to work as part of a team as well as on your own initiative.

“Hands on experience across a variety of tasks”
Career Prospects

At Village Bakery, we endeavour to provide opportunities for progression. Many of our Production Managers have used their skills and qualifications gained from the apprenticeship to work themselves up to more senior roles throughout the Company.

There are also further opportunities for training and development that improve your skills as a good leader and manager, as well as increasing your knowledge about Food Manufacturing.

“From joining as a 17 year old apprentice to where I am now is a great achievement. I am very proud I have been given this opportunity. When I started out I never thought I would get this far but hopefully those coming in will be able to look at me as a role model.”

Matty Owens, Bakery Manager
What has Village Bakery got to offer?

It is a great time to join the Company having recently being crowned as the Fastest Growing Manufacturer in Wales and with the opening of the brand new £3million Baking Academy and Innovation Centre just on the horizon for 2015.

The new centre will be equipped with the latest technology that will allow for continued development of employees and will also feature a healthy canteen and gym facilities.

The company is dedicated to providing a valuable experience for apprentices, in 2014 we were a finalist in the Vocational Qualification Awards for Wales and have recently received the Living Wage Accreditation, therefore ensuring our apprentices are paid above the Minimum Wage.

“Healthy Canteen and Gym Facilities”

For more information on The Village Bakery, please visit our website: www.villagebakery.co.uk