

Fast facts on our apprenticeships

- We have invested considerable effort into further improving the quality of our apprenticeship programmes and received a Grade 1 “Outstanding” award in our Ofsted inspection in 2010.
- We won the *Macro Employer of the Year Award* at the 2011 National Apprenticeship Awards. Our apprenticeships are in demand – there are at least 10 applicants for every one place.
- The completion rate for our apprenticeships is 82% - one of the highest in industry.
- We spend £80m a year in education and training in the UK and have an integrated skills and education strategy, called *Skills 2020*. A key part of *Skills 2020* is the schools programme - designed to ensure the future Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths talent pipeline.
- We are also working in partnership with the Royal Air Force to deliver an innovative schools roadshow aimed at inspiring young people about careers in science and engineering and open their eyes to the possibilities a vocational apprenticeship-based career path can provide.
- During 2012 this roadshow will visit 250 schools and engage over 25,000 young people (157,000 young people have taken part in the schools roadshow since 2005).
- At our Warton and Samlesbury sites, we support activities in 43 schools, 12 of which are considered to be ‘partner schools’ for the sites.