

MISC SOUTH WEST CENTRE AND FIRE SERVICE WORKING TOGETHER

Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue service recently held an Apprenticeship interview and assessment day, working in partnership with Bridgwater College's Automotive Section. 75 applicants originally applied for two Apprenticeship places with the Fire Service and 17 candidates were eventually short listed to attend the day.

The candidates were welcomed to the College and were given a tour of the Automotive Training Centre including the superbly equipped Heavy Vehicle Maintenance and Repair workshop and the Diagnostic Truck laboratory. They then completed a suite of short tests as part of the initial Apprenticeship assessment.

Interviews were conducted in the afternoon by the College's Work-Based Learning Team of Martin Andrews, David Woodland and Jon Powell with the Fire Service's Annie Langdon (HR) and James Davies (Technical Support Services) overseeing the process.

The candidates also had the opportunity to closely inspect a modern fire fighting vehicle. The successful candidates will be responsible for the maintenance and repair of such vehicles to exacting standards once fully trained and qualified.

After selection, the apprentices will attend Bridgwater College on a block release basis and the college will work closely to ensure with Devon & Somerset Fire Service to ensure that they receive the best possible training.

Richard Clayton Programme Manager for Heavy Vehicle Apprenticeship Training at Bridgwater College stated that "This is a fantastic opportunity for a young person to get exceptional training and vocational qualifications with an organisation such as the Fire Service with whom we are delighted to be working in partnership as their apprentice training provider".



Devon & Somerset Fire Service Selection Day at Bridgwater College