**Rolls-Royce**

## Media Information

**RECORD NUMBER JOIN ROLLS-ROYCE MOTOR CARS APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME**

3 September 2019, Goodwood

* 26 Apprentices will be working and learning alongside specialist craftspeople in all areas of manufacturing at the Home of Rolls-Royce
* Highest intake since Apprenticeship Programme was launched in 2006
* Includes first candidates for new Sir Ralph Robins Degree Apprenticeships

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars has welcomed the largest-ever cohort onto its award-winning Apprenticeship programme for 2019 in a special ceremony at the Home of Rolls-Royce at Goodwood.

A record 26 new apprentices and their families took part in the event, which was hosted by Johann Wolf, Director of Manufacturing, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, together with senior managers and employees from the departments in which the apprentices will be based during their time at Goodwood.

The new recruits will train with the company for between two and four years, working alongside experienced craftspeople in Assembly, Woodshop, Surface Finish, Leathershop, Parts Quality and Total Vehicle Quality Management to learn the unique skills and techniques employed by the world’s leading luxury manufacturer. They will also study for nationally-recognised vocational qualifications at Chichester College and other local further education establishments.

For the first time since its launch in 2006, the programme now includes Sir Ralph Robins Degree Apprenticeships, in which candidates will study for a BEng in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Chichester to complement their on-the-job practical training.

The welcoming event for the new arrivals was followed by a chance to celebrate the achievements of apprentices who have successfully completed their apprenticeship in 2019 and are now employed in roles across the company.

Johann Wolf said, “Since its launch 13 years ago, our Apprenticeship Programme has provided a unique opportunity for successful candidates to develop skills and careers with an iconic global brand. We remain absolutely committed to continuing our provision to maximise its reach and impact. We believe this combination of hands-on training, practical experience and vocational education is vitally important not only to our own future, but to that of UK manufacturing as a whole.

“That we were able to offer a record number of apprenticeship places this year is a testament to the sheer quality of the applications we’re now receiving. We’re very much looking forward to working with our new apprentices over the coming years, and helping them realise the enormous potential they’ve already demonstrated.”

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**Editors’ notes:**

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the BMW Group and is a completely separate company from Rolls-Royce plc, the manufacturer of aircraft engines and propulsion systems. Over 2000 skilled men and women are employed at the Rolls-Royce Motor Cars’ head office and manufacturing plant at Goodwood, West Sussex, the only place in the world where the company’s super-luxury motor cars are hand-built.  
  
**Further information:**

You can find all our press releases and press kits, as well as a wide selection of high resolution, downloadable photographs and video footage at our media website, [PressClub](http://www.press.rolls-roycemotorcars.com/).

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