

# WhiteHat: Support available from the Training Provider

## Developing your personal and professional skills

There is a lot of support available for your child if they begin an apprenticeship. One of the support systems will be their training provider, who can help your child to succeed academically with their studies, as well as personally and professionally through social events and networks.

We spoke to WhiteHat, an Ofsted approved training provider based in London, to see how they are creating a great place for apprentices to learn, thrive and enjoy the apprenticeship experience.



### Social events

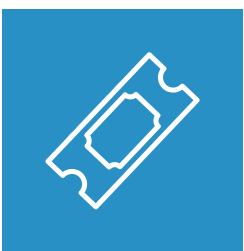
WhiteHat runs social events such as 'Pizza and Games' nights

for their apprentices, enabling a fun and relaxed environment outside of working and studying. Bringing apprentices together allows them to meet others experiencing the same journey and is powering a social experience that gives apprentices the opportunity to build relationships in the same way that full-time university students do.



### Exclusive Workshops

WhiteHat offers professional development events for their apprentices through their Future Leaders Foundation, which include workshops with top employers and brands, such as Google Garage sessions on how to develop their personal brand. They not only provide fun opportunities for apprentices to network, but also help them to develop their employability skills and become well-rounded professionals.



### Giving back to the community

WhiteHat apprentices can help to inform other young people about apprenticeships through the Apprentice Hacktivist Programme. Apprentice Hacktivists take part in public speaking training and use their skills in schools, colleges and community organisations all over London to inspire other young people. This is a great way for their apprentices to become role models for other young people and to develop their own confidence and communication skills, enabling them to develop as future leaders.

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## Mentoring Schemes

WhiteHat apprentices can also choose to have a mentor in addition to the coach that they are paired with throughout their studies. This means apprentices are supported in their professional development and given the best support to ease the transition from full-time education to an apprenticeship and the world of work. Not only do the mentors offer a friendly face, but also top tips on how to balance completing an apprenticeship and working.



## Becoming part of a network

Above all, WhiteHat are working to create a social network and community for apprentices. Making friends can be a worry for young people considering an apprenticeship, but the social, networking and developmental initiatives ensure an enriching apprenticeship experience.



### Who are WhiteHat?

Sophie Adelman & Euan Blair are Cofounders of WhiteHat, a tech startup building an outstanding alternative to university.

### What do they do?

WhiteHat matches school leavers to career-focused apprenticeships at some of the UK's most exciting companies, from Google and Facebook, to BP and Warner Bros. WhiteHat's mission is to accelerate incredible careers and develop a diverse group of future leaders through their innovative apprenticeship programmes.

### Find out more about WhiteHat

Check out the WhiteHat website here: <https://whitehat.org.uk/>