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*My career goal: Childcare and education*

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Hi, I'm Hannah Maggs and today I'm at a day nursery in Essex with City and Guilds for the Open Doors campaign.

Blois Meadow Day Nursery, together with PB Development, run apprenticeships for people looking to work in childcare.

I'm here to find out about how an apprenticeship in early years care and education is the first step towards a great career.

I'm a new mom. And although my child is only tiny now, I'm interested to learn more about apprenticeships so that when the time comes I can give advice.

Hi, I'm Hannah. Nice to meet you.

Georgia. Nice to meet you.

So what's your role at Blois Meadow Day Nursery?

I work in the baby room as an apprentice.

Why did you decide to do your apprenticeship?

Because I feel that, especially with childcare, you really need the hands-on experience just to understand what it really is like working with children.

Is an apprenticeship here recognized throughout the sector, then?

Yes, it is. Once I qualified, it means I can go and work in any other nursery in the country.

How did your parents feel about you taking an apprenticeship?

They were really pleased that I'd be earning whilst learning.

Hello!

Hello, I'm Hannah.

Hi, I'm Amy.

Nice to meet you.

We're just going in the garden. Would you like to help her put her coat on?

Yeah.

Amy, what's your role here in the day nursery?

Well, previously, I was room leader here. And then I decided to go to university. So now I'm actually just [? bank cover. ?] So I cover bluebells, [INAUDIBLE], and poppies. And I float around the room.

Why did you decide to do the apprenticeship?

I felt it was the next logical step. It's a more hands-on approach. I was working full time with the children, get more experience, and you still do the level three childcare work at the same time. So it was just the best thing for me.

I was here for, I think it was 18 months before I started to get itchy feet and I wanted to push further. Doing the apprenticeship was the stepping stone. It was the foundation for me going to university.

What does the future hold for you?

I've always been really interested in learning about the EYFS, which is the early years foundation stage, and also different theories and how children develop their language. So it sparked that initial interest. And that's why I'm doing it at university.

And I'm hoping to do my PGC afterwards. And I'd like to teach A level and GCSE English language.

Hello, I'm Hannah. Nice to meet you.

Hi, Hannah. I'm Rachel. I'm one of the assessors of at PBD. My role is to support any of the learners that are studying any early years' qualifications.

I support them in lots of different ways-- face-to-face visits with them, go and see them in their settings while they're at work, observations of their day-to-day practice, and set them assignments to cover criteria within the qualification.

How important is it to keep an open mind during your apprenticeship?

I think it's very important because people come across lots of different situations in their work life. For example, we may have learners who are working within early years. And then they may get the role of working as a one-to-one with a particular child. So this may spark off more of an interest of going into working with special educational needs.

And then our role within that is to make sure we're signposting them in the right direction to access other courses or training opportunities as well.

Hello, I'm Hannah.

How do you do? I'm Alison.

What would you say to someone who's thinking of taking an apprenticeship?

I think it's a very, very good way of developing the skills you need. And it is also a launchpad to go further.

As a parent, what do you think about apprenticeships?

I think they give options. A good quality apprenticeship, which is a partnership with the employer and the training provider, will give young people a real good start that they may not get through the academic route.

As an employer, why do you take on apprentices?

Statistically, a lot of young people change jobs very often before they find what's good for them. And I think it gives you as an employer time to get to know the employee. And it also gives you opportunities to talk with their training provider to say, am I going to get a person who understands what they're doing?

There's so much that goes into childcare. It's not just about looking after the children. It's about their first steps into education.

It's been an amazing day-- lots of fun and a real insight into childcare. I can really see how an apprenticeship can lead to a really wonderful and fulfilling career.

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