Yorkshire based family motor retailer JCT600 is planning to say ‘you’re hired’ to another 27 young people as it seeks apprentices in a variety of roles as part of this year’s scheme which will result in a total of 115 apprentices working in the business.

After running an apprentice scheme for many years, the Bradford-based company celebrated a record intake last year and is continuing to expand numbers. It is again offering apprenticeships at most of its 50 dealerships throughout Yorkshire, the North East, the Humber, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire for a variety of roles such as trainee service advisers, apprentice technicians and parts advisers. These apprenticeships run for two and three years and the successful apprentices gain NVQ Level 3 qualifications alongside IMI Technical Certificates.

Nineteen year old Chris Pape of Fulford, York, who has just completed the first year of his three year apprenticeship as a technician with JCT600 York Audi, said: “Some members of my family work for JCT600 at its Volkswagen York dealership and they have nothing but good things to say about the company so I knew that the training would be excellent.

“My brother’s a mechanic and I’ve wanted to work with cars all my life so the JCT600 apprenticeship was a dream come true. It means that I can work my way up and learn everything I can – as well as the on-the-job training, I also go down to Audi’s headquarters in Milton Keynes for additional training. So far, I’m really enjoying it and plan to stay with JCT600 after my apprenticeship, hopefully carrying on with my training and working up to being a master technician.”

Chris is one of just a handful of apprentices in the UK to have been shortlisted for the Audi Brand Apprentice of the Year Award.
John Tordoff, chief executive of JCT600, said: “Our apprentice scheme is once again proving very popular with over 200 applications received so far and more still coming in. Having successfully recruited a record number of apprentices last year, we are keen to keep up the momentum by continuing to attract and nurture young talent for the future.

“Already, the business is benefitting from the enthusiasm and fresh ideas provided by our existing apprentices and they too are feeling the benefit of our investment in developing their skills with 89% of our apprentices choosing to stay with JCT600 last year.

“Apprenticeships are a great alternative route into the workplace for school leavers, offering structured, on the job learning and enabling them to gain a recognised qualification while also earning a salary.”

JCT600 is still seeking applications from young people with potential and is particularly keen to hear from candidates for positions at its Rotherham dealerships and for parts adviser apprenticeships in Bradford. To find out more, visit http://www.jct600.co.uk/about-jct600/careers/

JCT600 has almost 50 dealerships throughout Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and the North East and sells 19 of the world’s most respected brands such as Aston Martin, Audi, Bentley, BMW/MINI, Ferrari, Maserati, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, Vauxhall and Volkswagen. The group now has a workforce of over 2,000 people.