



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Young Trailblazers**

A group of teenagers has blazed a trail by becoming the first group to train as Business Administration Young Apprentices at Tameside Council.

The youngsters, who were trained by staff at Skills Solutions, worked in a range of departments throughout the council for two years.

Through the Young Apprentice Scheme they have gained a raft of qualifications including NVQ Level One, Key Skills, Application of Number, Communication Level Two, Digital Literacy and Business Administration (the equivalent of five GCSEs at grades A-C).

Skills Solutions Tutor Cath Murphy, who taught the Young Apprentices, said: "This group was the inaugural group and they should be very proud of the precedent they have set."

"They have been exemplary and have gone beyond our expectations. It has been very good to get to know them and build a relationship with them. I've seen an amazing growth in their confidence. When they did their mock interviews, they all performed extremely well. In fact the interviewers said they were the best group of students they'd ever interviewed."

The Young Apprentices were presented with certificates by Jim Taylor, Executive Director for Children's Services at Tameside Council, during a ceremony at Ashton Town Hall.

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**Picture caption: Young Apprentices with (left to right) Jim Taylor, Executive Director of Children's Services, John Symington 14-19 Strategy Manager and Skills Solutions Tutor Cath Murphy.**

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