



CENTRE FOR DENTAL SCIENCES

FdSc HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP
BSc (HONS) DENTAL TECHNOLOGY



Dental Technology Academic
Team 2020

THE JOURNEY SO FAR

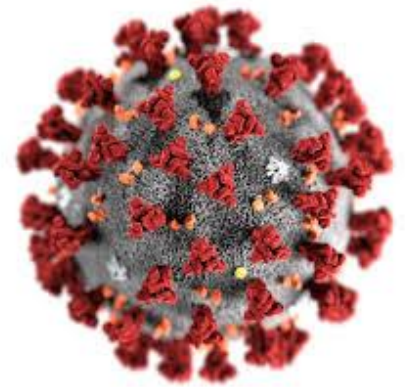
- FIRST APPRENTICESHIP AWARDED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BOLTON
- 2 COHORTS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THEIR END POINT ASSESSMENT
- BSC (HONS) PROGRESSION TOWARDS
- MSC DIGITAL

'Been able to really excel at university as lecturers are very good. Specialist equipment is state of the art'. (Learner feedback)



**General
Dental
Council**

protecting patients,
regulating the dental team



QUALITY OF EDUCATION- GOOD

- 'THE STUDENT LEARNING EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE PROGRAMME IS VERY GOOD' (JL, CARDIFF MET. EXTERNAL EXAMINER)

QUALITY OF EDUCATION – GOOD MOVING TO OUTSTANDING



'The access to staff is fantastic and it is good to hear that students make the most of this opportunity' (JL, Cardiff Met. External Examiner)



OFFICE FOR STUDENTS METRICS



- NSS SURVEY – BENCHMARK
- **88% TEACHING ON MY COURSE** NSS Q1-4 – 84.42%

- **77% ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK** NSS Q8-11 – 74.26%



- **85% STUDENT SUPPORT** NSS Q12-14 – 84%

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BEHAVIOURS
AND
ATTITUDES -
GOOD

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT - GOOD



'The course is structured towards helping me get a career in the field I am studying in' (NSS Student Feedback)

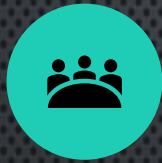
THE MANUFACTURING FOCUSSED CURRICULUM



IMPACT OF COVID 19

- FOLLOWING LOCKDOWN IN MARCH 2020 ALL AEROSOL BASED TREATMENTS STOPPED.
- MOST LABORATORIES CLOSED IN THIS PERIOD AND PLACED STAFF ON FURLOUGH.
- ALL WORK PLACEMENTS FOR STUDENTS HAD BEEN AFFECTED – FURLOUGH, REDUCED HOURS ETC
- SWIFT DENTAL LABORATORY HAVE ACCEPTED THE ROLE OF PLACEMENT TRAINING FOR BSC (HONS) STUDENTS
- EMPLOYABILITY FOCUS

RESPONSE BY UOB AND THE GDC



Complying with UoB and GDC quality assurance processes a series of meetings have now been concluded –



Apprentices will now complete 300 hours placement per module.



Reduced number of case studies required.



Practical submissions reduced.



Reviewed in January 2024.

ATTAINMENT



- CURRENTLY THE 3RD YEAR APPRENTICES ARE COMPLETING PRACTICAL WORK THAT HAS BEEN ADVERSELY DELAYED DUE TO LABORATORY CLOSURES AND CONTINUED COVID RESTRICTIONS.
- MODULE LEADS HAVE WORKED WITH LEARNERS TO ASSIST THEM WHERE POSSIBLE AND PLAN COMPLETION.
- THE WHOLE PROCESS HAS ALSO AFFECTED THE TRANSITION OF STUDENT FORWARD TO THEIR END POINT ASSESSMENT.



WHAT OUR
STUDENTS
SAY ABOUT
THE
COURSE - -

OfS Core Metrics against benchmarks set by OfS for the University				
The teaching on my course (NSS Q 1-4)	88%	84.42% or above	Yes	88%
Assessment and feedback (NSS Q 8-11)	77%	74.26 % or above	Yes	79%
Academic support (NSS Q 12-14)	85%	79.93 % or above	Yes	84%

OFFICE FOR STUDENTS - NSS METRICS



AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

Mentor Employer Engagement

- THIS HAS BEEN A MAIN FOCUS TO ADDRESS CONCERNS REGARDING COVID 19. PANDEMIC.
- INDUSTRY ACCESS AND SUPPORT, WILL CONTINUE TO PROMOTE DENTAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE MONTHS TO COME.
- CRITICAL WORKER STATUS

THE CAREERS & EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE

PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED CAREERS ADVISERS WHO WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE, TO HELP STUDENTS AND GRADUATES TO:

- EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS
- UNDERSTAND AND AUDIT EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS
- ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES (WORK EXPERIENCE, VOLUNTARY WORK, EMPLOYMENT)
- UNDERSTAND THE GRADUATE LABOUR MARKET (INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS)
- CONSTRUCT EFFECTIVE CV'S/APPLICATIONS/COVER LETTERS/PERSONAL STATEMENTS
- PERFECT THEIR INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES
- CREATE AND DELIVER PRESENTATIONS

HELPING TO SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS AND ENSURE YOU REACH YOUR CAREERS GOALS!

INDUSTRY SUPPORT AND ENGAGEMENT

- EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT CONSULTANT: **JENNI BATES**
- DEDICATED EMPLOYABILITY SUPPORT FOR THE **SCHOOL OF HEALTH & WELLBEING**
- BUILD AND STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE EMPLOYERS
- PROVIDE STUDENTS AND GRADUATES ACCESS TO:
 - GRADUATE EMPLOYERS - CAREER EVENTS, EMPLOYER TALKS, GUEST LECTURES
 - GRADUATE SKILLS WORKSHOPS - UNIVERSITY AND EMPLOYER LED
 - WORK BASED LEARNING AND PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES
 - GRADUATE SCHEMES AND CAREERS

STUDENT HUB

STUDENT HUB IS THE UNIVERSITY OF BOLTON'S ONLINE CAREERS PLATFORM. YOU CAN USE IT TO:

- BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH A CAREERS ADVISER
- BOOK ONTO A WORKSHOP OR CAREERS EVENT
- CHECK FOR JOB VACANCIES (NEW POSITIONS ARE ADVERTISED DAILY — MANY OF WHICH ARE ONLY ADVERTISED TO BOLTON STUDENTS)
- ACCESS CAREER RESOURCES AND GUIDES