

Apprentice Celebration at the House of Lords

As part of National Apprenticeship Week 2026, Association of Apprentices (AoA) hosted a celebration at the House of Lords for Apprentices who have achieved through the Post Apprenticeship Recognition Scheme (PARS), in partnership with The Chartered Institution for Further Education.



The Post-Apprenticeship Recognition Scheme (PARS) recognises the unique educational route that is an apprenticeship, and rewards completed apprentices for the skills they have gained, and their commitment to continuous development and professional standards.

Depending on the level of apprenticeship completed, apprentices can be awarded one of four levels of recognition, with the right to use post-nominals, and a certificate displaying the full title of the award.

The event centred on acknowledging the dedication, perseverance, and commitment apprentices demonstrate as they work to develop and enhance their skills. Former QA Learner Maya Patel who completed the Level ICT – Azure Cloud Support Specialist apprenticeship was in attendance in recognition of their success.

“Gaining my PARs feels like a great way to showcase all the hard work and skills I’ve developed, and it’s something I can highlight on my CV. It feels like more than just post-nominals. It’s real recognition for all the effort and dedication I’ve put in throughout my apprenticeship.”

Maya Patel, QA Apprentice

‘PARS is a significant step forward for our sector, providing meaningful, structured recognition for apprentices after completion. Hearing from apprentices on the benefits to them achieving post nominals, was truly inspiring. It was also an honour to meet Maya, a former QA apprentice, who has achieved post nominals and is also an AoA apprentice council member.’

Naomi Lavender, Quality Director, QA Apprenticeship

QA are proud to partner with Association of Apprentices with more than 11,000 learners benefiting from the free membership offered by QA with their apprenticeship.

As the leading provider for completed apprentices accessing PARS, with 120 QA apprentices applying to the scheme, 59 of which have already received their post nominals, we recognise the positive impact this scheme is having on showcasing skills, experience and dedication, and continue to champion it’s benefit.