Job Title: Apprentice Software Tester (Level 4)

Qualification: Level 4 Software Tester

Location: Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire

Learning Provider: Gloucestershire College

Duration: 2 years

Salary: £18,000

What is an Apprentice Software Tester?

Software Testers are involved in the quality assurance stage of software development and deployment. They conduct automated and manual tests to ensure the software created by developers is fit for purpose and any bugs or issues are removed within a product before it gets deployed to everyday users.

Our Apprentice Software Testers study for the ISTQB Foundation qualification whilst working alongside experienced members of Renishaw's UK Verification Software Test Team.

Where will I be working?

This role is based at our headquarters site near Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire but on occasion you may be required to travel to other Renishaw sites for work. **You will need the ability to be able to travel independently to work and college.**

What will I do?

Some of the key responsibilities of this role include:

- Test and add value to real corporate projects
- Use different test types and methodologies to verify functionality- explore and apply automated testing
- Designing and preparing test plans. Includes creation of test scripts to quality standards
- Carryout test execution on different systems
- Reporting on test results and assessing against expected results
- Risk identification
- Apply learnings from the ISTQB Foundation
- Work closely and report into the UK Verification Software Test Team within Renishaw's Cross Divisional Software department

What qualification will I achieve?

The successful candidates will study towards a Level 4 Software Tester Apprenticeship, which will take up to 24 months. The ISTQB Foundation qualification will be obtained. This will be taken at Gloucestershire College. Upon completion apprentices can also apply to be on the Register of IT Technicians (BCS).

What skills and qualifications do I need?

Applicants must have:

- A minimum of 5 GCSEs including English and Maths at grade 4 or C and above and 2 A Levels (one in a STEM subject) or Level 3 IT apprenticeship.
- Good written and oral communication skills and the ability to work under your own initiative.
- A strong interest in software, with the aptitude and enthusiasm to undertake an apprenticeship in this field.
- A current or recent job, this does not need to be relevant to engineering and can be a paper round or Saturday job, as this demonstrates maturity, responsibility and independence.

- Relevant work experience done through school or college would be beneficial although is not essential.
- Experience in software packages including MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint.