## Aerospace giant Airbus welcomes second highest intake of graduates and apprentices

Aerospace giant Airbus has welcomed its largest number of apprentices and graduates since the end of the pandemic.

The 144 apprentices intake is its second largest cohort ever and just shy of the 155 pre-pandemic intake in 2019. Some 20 graduates and 53 interns have also joined its 4,500-strong workforce at Broughton in Flintshire, where it manufactures aircraft wings.

Its Filton operation, near Bristol, has welcomed 71 new recruits to the company's graduate programme, along with a further 68 apprentices and 69 interns.

Kate Holthofer, head of human resources at Broughton said: "Our apprentices and graduates will be deployed across various business, engineering, and support functions and are an integral part of Airbus' commitment to sustainable aerospace,"

"Our apprenticeship and graduate programmes offer practical training and nationally recognised qualifications, while also providing invaluable work experience for a career in aerospace.

"The number of apprentices, graduates and interns joining Airbus in Broughton and Filton this year is comparable to the intake in pre-pandemic years and is another sign of the aerospace industry's recovery from its worst ever crisis.

"The high enrolment numbers against the backdrop of the pandemic and the current economic climate reflects the importance Airbus places on developing the talent of the future, Airbus is confident in the long-term development of its UK workforce and we are committed to upskilling in the community."

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