

## **Intec Business Colleges Higher Apprentice of the Year 2019**

This year Intec has introduced the Higher Apprentice of the year award which has been won by John Sharkey.

John works for Veritiv who are a Critical Infrastructure company based in Warrington.



John is Supply Chain Manager UK & Ireland.

This requires John to travel extensively throughout Europe mainly to Bratislava with the inevitable long hours and at times periods away from home. John is doing an Operational Management Standard qualification at Level 5 and despite his busy schedule he always delivers his assignments on time.

John's Tutor Lorraine Foulkes explains "that it has been a long time since John has undertaken any formal learning. He has applied himself to his studies diligently and in a considered way and has grasped the opportunity to develop his management skills whole heartedly"

Among the many new approaches he has adopted during the training, applying his learning to his job and the business has been an ongoing feature.

He has implemented many of the management tools he has picked up during his programme including project management techniques and devising a skills audits competency matrix for his team. A particular project was focused on a relocation project looking at the potential to close a warehouse in Chessington and outsource the work.

"John has made a significant impact within the business through his support and coaching of a number of his colleagues"

John's line manager Daniel Reynard says "he has put a great deal of effort into his apprenticeship which has allowed him to increase his skills and knowledge to the great benefit of the business as a whole.

John feels that this programme has given him a range of new skills in developing his management career. He is a better listener, is confident in promoting his ideas and plans, he has improved his decision making skills and sees the bigger picture, he is thoroughly deserving of the award.