



CONSERVATIVE PARTY POSITION: UVAC RESPONSE

‘University Cuts to Boost Apprenticeships’ - England needs both excellent university provision and an excellent apprenticeship programme, if we want to raise business performance, productivity and economic performance. Government does not need to cut spending on higher education to increase funding for apprenticeships. Instead each party should do the right thing and pledge to employers that every pound raised through the levy should be spent on apprenticeships or apprenticeships and approved training programmes.

The choice is not university or apprenticeship. **Degree Apprenticeships combine the best of both worlds, a degree and an apprenticeship.**

If the Conservatives are serious about tackling the UK’s low productivity and grow the economy, they need to utilise the expertise of our universities to develop the higher-level skills of the current and future workforce.