

PRESS RELEASE

Greiner welcomes 33 new apprentices

- » Aspiring professionals and members of their families were greeted at the Welcome Evening on October 19
- » At the state-of-the-art training center in Kremsmünster, the apprentices will receive training in up to seven skilled trades for all division companies
- » Besides being a source of income and a chance to progress, apprenticeships offer the opportunity to promote the sustainable use of plastics

Kremsmünster, October 20, 2023. They are the future of Greiner: 33 new apprentices have begun their careers at the training center in Kremsmünster – and now they have been greeted at a Welcome Day together with their parents. Ten of the apprentices will be trained for Greiner Packaging, twelve for Greiner Bio-One and three for the foam division NEVEON. Furthermore, there are three IT apprentices for Greiner AG and five further apprentices destined for the partner companies GPN and Exelliq (formerly Greiner Extrusion) through the apprenticeship alliance. Greiner is providing around a hundred apprenticeships in all.

“Our apprentices are the future of Greiner – and a key success factor for producing packaging, medical products and foams even more sustainably. With our state-of-the-art training center, our goal is for our training content to be on the cutting edge, if not slightly more advanced,” said **Sarah Mettner, Head of the Greiner training center**, at the Welcome Evening.

33 new apprentices – the highest number in a long time

With 33 new apprentices, this year also marks a new record after many years. This shows once again that apprentices and thus future professionals are as sought after as ever at Greiner. “An apprenticeship is an excellent way to start your professional career. Above all, the professional experience that we gain during an apprenticeship confers a big advantage,” said **Mettner**. The comprehensive development of apprentices is a very important concern, as the Head of the training center explained: “In addition to teaching technical knowledge and practical skills, we set great store by individual growth and personal development for everyone as well as working together in a team.”

Up to seven skilled trades with optimal support during apprenticeship

Greiner has been training young people in its own workshop since the early 1990s. The training center on the Greiner Campus in Kremsmünster opened its doors in 2019 – and guarantees an ideal support relationship between apprentices and trainers as well as high-quality instruction. Vocations are offered in the fields of plastics technology, mechatronics, process technology, metal technology, electrical engineering, IT technology and industrial management. All technical apprentices spend their entire first year at the training center. They can then begin gaining experience at the production sites of the division companies and actively working in teams – and they regularly return to the training center at Greiner Campus to keep on learning.

Apprenticeships offer a solid foundation with many opportunities for advancement

After graduating, many doors are open to the apprentices at Greiner, a large and international company. Also, it is not rare at Greiner to go from apprentice to manager – some former apprentices today hold management positions. “We look for apprentices who enjoy teamwork and technology, and who would like to get ahead in their specialist areas,” said **Mettner**.

Learning how to use plastics sustainably

Greiner also firmly believes that the path to more sustainability can only be successfully traveled with well-trained and dedicated professionals. Sustainability therefore plays an important role even during an apprenticeship – and is a matter of great interest to young people as well. This way, the apprentices can build extensive knowledge of the many ways that plastics are used and help in ensuring that packaging, medical products and foams, for instance, are produced even more sustainably. Also, the apprentices can even be trained as climate ambassadors in the “Klimachecker:innen@work” program and implement a climate protection project in their work setting.

Many benefits and good pay – even at a young age

In addition to forward-facing training, Greiner’s apprentices can look forward to many other benefits as well, such as bonuses for special performance, their own laptop, employee events, meal allowances, an apprentice taxi for transfers to and from the train station, communication and team training, a range of sports activities and a company pension. Another incentive is that apprentice compensation in the chemical industry is significantly higher than in many other sectors – so anyone who wants to earn good money even at a young age is in the right place with a Greiner apprenticeship.

Further information of apprenticeships at Greiner can be found at <https://lehre.greiner.com/>

Press photos



33 new apprentices started their careers at the Greiner training centre in autumn.



Sarah Mettner manages the Greiner training centre in Kremsmünster.



The team at the training centre prepares the apprentices for their professional career in the best possible way – the supervision ratio guarantees a high quality of apprenticeship training.

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About Greiner

Based in Kremsmünster, Austria, Greiner is a world-leading plastics and foam solutions company. With the three operating divisions Greiner Packaging, NEVEON and Greiner Bio-One, the company is at home in all manner of industrial sectors. Established in 1868, the Group is now one of the leading foam producers and plastics processors for the packaging, furniture, sports and automotive industries as well as medical technology and the pharmaceutical sector. In fiscal 2022, Greiner generated turnover of EUR 2.33 billion and had over 11,600 employees at 120 locations in 34 countries. The Executive Board consists of CEO Axel Kühner, CFO Hannes Moser and COO Manfred Stanek. www.greiner.com

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