

# A Parent's Guide to Apprenticeships

As a parent, you want your child to get the best possible start in their career. There are many options available to young people after they leave school, and in this guide, we outline information and benefits about apprenticeships as a key route into a successful career.

## What is an apprenticeship?

It is a genuine job, with training, meaning you can earn while you learn and gain a nationally recognised qualification.

The minimum wage for apprentices is £3.90 per hour, but many employers pay more than this. This is dependent on the sector, and level of the Apprenticeship.

All apprenticeships include elements of on the job and off the job training leading to industry recognised standards or qualifications. Some apprenticeships will require an assessment at the end of the programme to assess the apprentice's ability and competence in their job role.

More details on salaries and entry criteria in specific apprenticeship occupations can be accessed by looking at the vacancies on

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

The government has stated that all young people must stay in some form of education or training until at least their 18th birthday.

This does not necessarily mean staying in school; young people have a choice about how they continue in education or training post 16, which could be through an apprenticeship.

## Levels of Apprenticeship

Name	Level	Equivalent Level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at 9-4
Advanced	3	2 A level passes
Higher	4,5,6,7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6,7	Bachelor's or Master's degree

## What are the Benefits of Apprenticeship Training?

- Apprenticeships are now available up to degree level and beyond
- Earning a salary and paid holiday
- Excellent progression opportunities, whether looking to study further or climb the ranks within the workplace
- Increased future earning potential – apprentices enjoy marked salary increases on finishing their training
- Over 70 national universities are currently offering a range of degree apprenticeships
- Apprenticeships are now a real alternative to university

## Our Advice

- **To get an apprenticeship you need to apply for a job.**
- **This means you need to must prepare a CV and fill in an application form to a high standard. Potentially you will be competing with lots of other candidates.**
- **There could be a rigorous recruitment process including maths and English tests and an assessment centre.**
- **There are more apprenticeships available for you when you are 18 compared to 16.**

### However:

This should not stop you applying for an apprenticeship if you really want one. A number of our Sixth Form students are now moving into apprenticeships in different sectors

Please see Mrs Parks or Mrs Mandley for advice on how to apply.

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