



# Apprenticeships Parents Evening 04 February 2026

How apprenticeships can launch your child's career whilst  
they earn and learn

**Meeting will start soon**

# Apprenticeships

- An apprenticeship is a job that combines work and study.
- At least 20% of working time or one day per week
- Schemes may last from 1 to 6 years, depending on the apprenticeship Level.
- Place of education and qualification decided by employer; with qualification being in line with undertaken job role.
- Competitive apprenticeships sectors in Technology, Finance, Law and Engineering
- Average starting salary £23,000-£26,000 per year.

# Apprenticeships Benefits

## Earn Whilst You Learn

- Regular salary from the start with
- No student debt
- Financial independence

## Gain Qualifications

- Achieve a national qualification alongside practical training with skilled professionals.

## Brilliant Job Prospectus

- 93% of apprentices remain in employment after completion.

## Professional Networks

- Access mentorship from experienced professionals
- Build industry connections for future opportunities.

## Clear Career Pathways

- Structured progression route with opportunities for further qualifications and/or promotions and increased responsibilities.

# Apprenticeships Levels

Level	Equivalent to	Type of Study	Duration
2 – Intermediate	5 GCSE passes	Functional Skills	12-18mnts
3 – Advanced	2 A-Level passes	GCSE, BTEC Level 2	18-24mnts
4 – Higher	Foundation Degree, HNC (Certificate)	A Levels, BTEC Level 3	1-4yrs
5 – Higher	HND (Diploma)	1st Year at University	2-3yrs
6 – Degree	Batchelor Degree	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Year at University	2-5yrs
7 – Masters	Master Degree	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Year at University	3-6yrs

# Application Process

- Applications are online
- You will apply for the advertised job by submitting your CV and possibly a covering letter.
- You may be asked to take online tests (i.e. numerical, situational judgement, critical thinking)
- Interview may be online and followed by an assessment day.
  - Assessments vary depending on employer
  - Can be in person or online and can last half a day or more.
  - Employers assess your communication skills, problem solving, team work

# Where can I apply?

- On a company website – advertised under Careers page if scheme offered
- Useful resources:
  - <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/>
  - <https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/>
  - <https://higherin.com/>
  - <https://notgoingtouni.co.uk/#>
  - <https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/apprenticeships?query=>

# How to Prepare?

- Research the company
  - List a couple of reasons why you would like to work there – show interest in the company, not the degree they will sponsor you
- Make the application relevant to the employer and job you are applying to
  - Use the skills requirement in the job description to help you
- Online resource - AssessmentDay <https://www.assessmentday.co.uk/>

# School Support

## INTRODUCTION TO APPRENTICESHIPS

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