

Apprenticeships: The basics

A guide for parents & carers

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What are...



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16+

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DEGREE
qualifications
available

The different apprenticeships



GCSEs
grade 4+

Year 11
16+

Level
2

INTERMEDIATE

A-Levels
T-Level

It's **not** a
conveyor
belt or non-
stop
escalator!



Grad

Masters
Degree

Level
7

DEGREE

APPRENTICESHIPS



RESEARCH AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

YEAR 12

Start post 18
options research

Sep -
Oct

What are your
interests?
How do you
learn best?

What options
best suit the
way you learn?

Nov -
Dec

Jan -
Feb

Info from school
about choices

Mar -
April

Attend talks and
HE Fairs.
Pros and cons of
different options.

Draft personal
statements

May -
June

List of
options and
courses-
timeline.

Get specific!

July -
Aug

Making the
most of
Summer!



APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

YEAR 13

UCAS opens

Apprenticeship applications

Job adverts

UCAS closes

UCAS – first and second choice

Results Day!

Sep - Oct

Nov - Dec

Jan - Feb

Mar - April

May - June

July - Aug

Applying for more than one option?

What support do you need from me to apply?

What other opportunities and facilities will be available?

When do you need to make decisions?

What's the plan B?

How can I help you make a decision?

Finding an Apprenticeship



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KNOW

- Identify the pros and cons of doing an apprenticeship for you
- Know what is important to you and note down your skills; this will help when writing applications

RESEARCH

- Check out the range of industries that employ apprentices
- Learn about other people's experiences of applying for and completing apprenticeships
- Find out what the employer wants – how can you do this?



LOOKING

- Apprenticeship vacancies appear online throughout the year
- Browse vacancy sites and sign up for job alerts
- Go to open days and careers fairs for direct contact with apprenticeship providers



TALK

- Contact employers and training providers
- You can approach employers or training providers to see if it is possible to set up an apprenticeship



- **APPLY!**

Researching: Local apprenticeships



GOV.UK Find an apprenticeship

Coronavirus (COVID-19): to find out how we can support you including if you have been affected by redundancy, [read our guide](#)

Find an apprenticeship

Search and apply for an apprenticeship in England

Search [Browse](#)

Keywords (optional)
Can include job title, employer or reference number

All

Your location
Enter postcode, town or city or [use current location](#)



Researching: National apprenticeships



PARENT PERSPECTIVE: APPRENTICESHIPS

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SHARN'S TOP TIPS:

Do the research

Plot the application deadlines

Experience and knowledge
counts

Submit multiple applications
for a range of apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are
competitive, be prepared for
rejection

Practice applications &
interviews



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TODAY'S TAKEAWAYS...



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Know what **apprenticeships** are



Understand the apprenticeship **Levels**



Talk about the **benefits** of apprenticeships



Aware of differences in **application timelines**



Be able to **find** apprenticeship opportunities





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