

PARENT FACTSHEET

What is an Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a real job with training which would allow your daughter or son to earn while they learn, whilst gaining a nationally recognised qualification. Apprenticeships take between one and five years to complete and cover 1500 job roles in a wide range of industries, from engineering to accountancy, public relations to veterinary nursing. Apprenticeships are now available up to degree level and beyond.

Benefits of doing an Apprenticeship

- Earning a salary
- Training in the skills employers want
- Excellent progression opportunities, whether looking to study further or climb the ranks within the workplace
- Increased future earning potential - Apprentices enjoy marked salary increases when they complete their training, and those with an Advanced Apprenticeship earn around £117,000* more than those without, over the course of their career
- Learning at a pace suits to the individual with the support of a mentor
- Paid holiday



What does an apprenticeship include?

The core components for Intermediate and Advanced Apprenticeships are:

- A national recognised vocational qualification
- Functional skills (e.g. literacy, numeracy, and ICT)
*Intermediate Apprenticeships only
- A technical certificate such as a BTEC or City & Guilds (relevant to the specific Apprenticeship)
- Other professional qualifications or requirements as specified by the particular job

Apprenticeship Levels

The levels of Apprenticeship your son or daughter could apply for depending on their current skills and qualifications:

- Intermediate (Level 2)
- Advanced (Level 3)
- Higher (Level 4 or above)



Who can apply

Your child can apply for an apprenticeship while still at school. To start one, they'll need to be: 16 or over; Living in England; and Not in full-time education.

There are three steps to applying for an apprenticeship

- Search for an apprenticeship www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk
- Sign in or create an account
- Complete and submit your application

