

SCHOOLS FACTSHEET

What do you need to know about apprenticeships?

Apprenticeships are for young people of all abilities who want to get into the world of work and gain skills, experience and qualifications on the job. With some apprenticeships, students can gain a degree.

So it's worth encouraging your students to think about the sort of career they want and which route might be the best to help them achieve this – it might not be what they expect.

The government has pledged to create 3 million apprenticeships by 2020 – so now's the time to learn about apprenticeships as a brilliant career path and dispel any old myths.

Ofsted findings show that promotion of apprenticeships within schools needs improving. We understand it's hard to find the time to research and plan apprenticeship career advice, which is why our Apprenticeship Information Ambassador Network is here to help!

You may be surprised by the huge variety of apprenticeships available across England offered by leading businesses of all sizes, including household names such as Lloyds Banking Group, Rolls Royce, BBC, IBM, Unilever and Airbus.



The essential facts for schools about apprenticeships?

There are three levels of apprenticeship depending on skills and qualifications: intermediate, advanced and higher/degree.

Apprenticeships are available in 1500 job roles covering more than 170 industries, from advertising to youth work and environmental engineering and nuclear decommissioning. There are also higher and degree apprenticeships available, including foundation degrees, HNDs and full honours degrees, representing more than 100 different job roles. More and more specialised and highly skilled apprenticeships are being offered each year, ranging from legal services to banking and engineering, giving individuals the chance to continue their professional development and fully realise their potential.

The government is committed to rolling out many more degree apprenticeships, allowing young people to combine a world class degree with a world class apprenticeship. Degree apprenticeships are already available in Automotive, Digital Industries and Banking occupations. A further 11 have been approved for development, such as chartered surveyor, construction site manager and aerospace engineer. They are available in occupations as diverse as Solicitor, Software Developer, accountant and Dental Technician.



A sentence about how AIAN can support schools (more info to follow overleaf)

10 Apprenticeship Myth Busters

Apprenticeships are for people with bad grades

- Apprenticeships are simply an alternative route into employment.

I won't be able to afford it/I won't be paid

- Apprentices are entitled to the National Minimum Wage, currently £3.30 per hour if you are 16-18 years old.

Apprenticeships are only available in construction and administration

- Apprenticeships are now available in a huge variety of industries with 200 types available.

Apprenticeships will negatively affect my future career prospects

- Employers increasingly value apprenticeships as a viable career route as it means applicants will have workplace experience AND a qualification!

I won't get a good qualification.

- There are many types of apprenticeships, providing different levels of qualifications.

Apprenticeships are only available in cities

- Apprenticeships are available throughout the UK, in a variety of industries.

If I do an apprenticeship I'll get stuck in the same industry

- Apprenticeships are in many different areas of business, and once completed you can move into a different job.

Apprenticeships are only for young people

- Apprenticeships are open to anyone over the age of 16.

I need experience to get an apprenticeship

- Apprenticeships provide the opportunity for young people to gain first hand experience and to develop workplace skills.

Businesses are not hiring apprenticeships

- The number of apprenticeships businesses are hiring has increased.



How the Apprenticeship Information Ambassador Network can support your school!

- Do your staff need more information on what an Apprenticeship actually is?
- Would you like an Apprenticeship Information Ambassador to attend YOUR staff meeting?

The Apprenticeship Information Ambassador Network consists of Independent Training Providers and Colleges ACROSS London. We can source an Ambassador to visit your school and explain the finer details of an Apprenticeship to you and your staff and learners.

Apprenticeship Information Ambassadors can attend Parent Evenings, PTA Briefings, Open Days. We are here to engage with you! Your staff. Your parents. Your learners.

Meeting the Apprenticeship Information Ambassadors is the perfect avenue to build networks with independent training providers and colleges, to find out more about the many differing apprenticeship paths available, and to keep up to date on vocational learning.

Our Network of high quality independent training providers & colleges across London are supported by the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) and the Mayor of London to give FREE and IMPARTIAL information on Apprenticeships to you and your students.

Find an Ambassador

Discover more about Apprenticeships via the people who deliver them successfully across London. All of our Apprenticeship Information Ambassadors have achieved a Grade 1 or 2 Ofsted inspection, hold a contract direct with government and are matrix accredited.

You can find an Apprenticeship Information Ambassador using our searchable directory at: apprentices.london/directory.php



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