



Apprenticeships & University



What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a real job, with hands-on experience, a salary and the chance to train while you work.

You get paid and train at the same time, with at least 20% of your time spent undertaking off the job training including time with your Training Provider.

You learn the knowledge, skills and behaviours to make 'job ready'. Apprenticeships supercharge your career and get you on the career ladder.



**What do
these
Celebrities
have in
common?**



**They all started their working lives as
Apprentices!**

Apprenticeships lead the way when it comes to work based learning. By the end of your Apprenticeship, you will be able to perform at a high level within the workplace.



Did you know?



Earning

You will earn a minimum of £4.81 p/hr and be employed for a minimum of 30 hours per week



Holidays

You are legally entitled to at least 20 days paid holiday each year plus bank holidays



Prospects

90% of Apprentices will go into full or part-time employment at the end of their Apprenticeship



Qualified

Gain a nationally recognised qualification and experience that employers want.

What Apprenticeships are on offer?

There are currently more than 600 different Apprenticeships available!

Which Apprenticeship is right for me?

- Think about what you enjoy and what you are interested in
- Take a look at the [apprenticeships.gov.uk](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk) website and read through the different Apprenticeships available
- Speak with a training provider such as a local college who will carry out an initial assessment with you to make sure you join a programme that suits your abilities and ambitions

Accountancy
Animal Health & Welfare
Broadcast & Communications
Business Administration
Cyber Security
Engineering
Fashion & Textiles
HR
IT
Joinery
Law
Marketing
Motor Vehicle
Photography
Plumbing
Sales
Software Development
Sales



What grades do I need to become an Apprentice?

Level 2 Apprenticeship

For a Level 2 Apprenticeship, you would need a minimum of Maths & English GCSEs at grades 3 (D)

Level 3 and Above

For a Level 3 Apprenticeship or above, you would need a minimum of Maths & English GCSEs at grades 9-4 (A*-C).



How do I secure an Apprenticeship?

- **Speak with potential employers to see if you can secure an opportunity**
- **Have a compelling CV ready to go**
- **Look on Job Boards to see who is hiring. Even if there isn't an Apprenticeship vacancy, pick up the phone and express your interest in working for them as an Apprentice**
- **Speak with Training Providers and apply to their Talent Pools**

What our Employers say about Apprenticeships

What employers have to say about Apprenticeships

David and **Paul** tell us a little about what Apprenticeships mean to their businesses



DMB Building Ltd



More Handles



Local Apprenticeship Employers





Why University?

University can give you the skills and experience you need to take your career in any direction. Having a degree may enhance your employment prospects and earning ability and some careers require you to be degree qualified.

You'll be able to focus in depth on one subject area you are passionate about. Or, if you can't choose between them, you can explore joint degrees and study two or more courses.

University is about life learning, not just academic study. It's about developing yourself as a person and an individual.

Did you know?



Popular

In 2020/2021 there were 2.6 million students in Higher Education Institutions in the UK



£ Potential

Median starting salary at the UK's leading graduate employers is £32,000 per annum



Prospects

Accounting & Professional Services firms are the largest recruiters of new graduates. The most generous salaries on offer come from law firms, consulting firms, and Oil & Energy



Costs

For a three year degree, University costs around £57,000 including cost of tuition and cost of living

Busting the myths

You'll be crippled by debt when you graduate

You'll only start repaying your student loan once you're earning £27k or over

Your first year doesn't count...

You still need to pass if you want to continue on your course!

University is all about clubbing

If you think you can complete University with a permanent hangover, think again...

Freshers Week / University Friends are friends for life

Like anything in life, some people will stay with you and some won't...



So, which route do I choose...?

