

USEFUL APPRENTICESHIP WEBSITES

THESE WEBSITES AND KEY INFORMATION CAN HELP WITH RESEARCHING ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS:

KEY INFORMATION

Some Myths busted:

Apprenticeships are only available to 16-18 year olds - NOT TRUE

There is no upper age limit on Apprenticeships.

Apprentices are poorly paid - NOT TRUE

Apprentices have a minimum salary of £3.70 per hour.

Expect to earn at least £130 per week.

You could earn up to £400 per week on a higher apprenticeship.

Apprenticeships are not as valued as FE/HE - NOT TRUE

An Apprenticeship is technical learning which can lead to nationally recognised qualifications equivalent to GCSEs, A Levels and degrees.

What is an apprenticeship?

It is real job with an employer where you work towards nationally recognised qualifications and training. You are paid a salary, have a contract of employment and have the same rights and responsibilities as other employees (holiday and sick pay). You develop skills specific to your job role and industry. An apprenticeship will last from 1 to 6 years depending on the level. You work for at least 30 hours per week and all the training (whether at College or University) is included in your paid hours.

Apprenticeship levels

- Intermediate
 - Level 2, 12-18 months, equivalent to 5 GCSEs level 4-9
- Advanced
 - Level 3, 18 months-2years, equivalent to 2 A levels

- Higher/Degree
 - Level 4, 5, 6, 7, 2-6 years, equivalent to HNC, Degree up to Masters.

USEFUL WEBSITES:

INSTITUTE FOR APPRENTICESHIPS

This website is useful when researching information about the standards that will be assessed for all types of job roles. There are currently over 650 different apprenticeship job roles listed and these can be filtered by choosing a specific career route. Once a job has been selected it will describe the overview of the job role, the entry requirements, duration and the knowledge, skills and behaviours that will be assessed.

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/>

AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS

This website provides a wide range of resources for both parents and students and is highly recommended.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

KENT TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIPS

This website supports you to gain qualifications and develop skills. It has links to help find KT&A Internships, Work Ready courses, Traineeships, Apprenticeships and Work Based Training.

<https://www.kenttrainingandapprenticeships.co.uk/learners/>

FIND AN APPRENTICESHIP

This is a National website where apprenticeships across the whole of the UK are listed. You need to register by clicking 'create an account', once this is done you will be alerted by text or email when an apprenticeship is posted in your chosen career sector and location.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

APPRENTICE KENT

This lists apprenticeships within the Kent region. You need to register by scrolling down the home page to the orange box 'Be an apprentice', once this is done you will be alerted by text or email when an apprenticeship is posted in your chosen sector and location.

<https://www.apprenticekent.com/Home>

READY TO WORK KENT

Ready to Work Kent is run by the Skills and Employability Service at Kent County Council. It is designed to help you find great training opportunities, build your skills and put you on the path to your ideal career. They know that not everyone wants to stay in school or college until 18, so they help make you aware of other ways to get the qualifications that will open doors for you in the world of work. The website is particularly useful for those students who do not achieve GCSE level 4 in Maths or English in Year 11.

<https://www.readytoworkkent.co.uk/about-us/what-is-ready-to-work-kent/#>

ROMNEY RESOURCE CENTRE

Romney Resource Centre is the local provision where you can access a wide variety of courses that will provide you with the employability skills necessary for the world of work. They can help with Functional Skills qualifications in English and Maths, the Study Programme gives young people the opportunity to build up their personal, social and academic skills in a small, friendly and supportive environment. They also offer courses in Enhancing Apprenticeships, Improving your Employment Opportunities, ECDL – IT User Skills and a variety of Vocational Courses.

<https://www.romney-resource.co.uk/>

NOT GOING TO UNI

This website is useful to Year 13 leavers that are not considering going to University. It outlines all the possible alternatives including Apprenticeships at all levels from Intermediate to Degree. It also has a 'Find an Apprenticeship' section and allows you to search by level, start date, career sector and location.

<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/apprenticeships-223>