Careers Newsletter – February 2022

National Apprenticeship Week 7th - 13th February 2022

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Welcome to a special edition of our Careers Newsletter that will focus on National Apprenticeship Week 7th – 13th February. Within this newsletter you will find a number of useful links to events that are happening throughout the week.

National Apprenticeship Week 2022 is the 15th annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships. The week brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy.

Build the future

The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2022 will be 'build the future'; reflecting on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and businesses to develop a talented workforce that is equipped with future-ready skills.

Events listing

Over 1,200 virtual and in-person events will take place across England to showcase the impact of apprenticeships Learn moreabout Events listing

Learn moreabout Get involved

Browse apprenticeships

Search to browse apprenticeships based on interest and location **BROWSE APPRENTICESHIPS**

To get involved, or find out more about National Apprenticeship Week 2022, you can:

- email the.week@education.gov.uk with any questions or to receive their newsletter
- share your social media plans with social.apps@education.gov.uk
- follow on Twitter @Apprenticeships
- follow on LinkedIn
- follow on Instagram @fireitupapps
- use the hashtags **#NAW2022**
- direct followers to visit www.apprenticeships.gov.uk to find out more

Apprenticeships explained

So you're thinking of becoming an apprentice - or maybe you're not too sure but you want to know all your options after school or college? You could be currently working and want to upskill yourself – or change your job and chase that dream career.

Apprenticeships could be the answer. Before deciding whether an apprenticeship is right for you let's break them down:

What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a job with a salary. You will have an employer who you work for and who pays your wages and, because all apprentices undertake training, you will also have a training provider who supports you to achieve a qualification.

Who is involved in an apprenticeship?

- You – the apprentice. There is no age limit for an apprentice but you must be over 16, out of full-time education and live in England.
- Employer – the business where you take on the apprenticeship – you are an employee working for the business.
- Training provider or college – this is the organisation that will arrange the apprenticeship for you and help with your training. All apprenticeships have a training element that will be at least 20% of your apprenticeship and will lead to a qualification. You may study at the training provider or college, at work or online.

As an apprentice you will:

- Get paid - The minimum rate for an apprentice in their first year is £4.30 per hour but many employers pay much more than this
- Learn and train for a specific job
- Get hands-on experience in a place of work
- Complete assessments during and at the end of your apprenticeship
- Receive holiday leave

Levels of Apprenticeship:

	Level	Equivalent education level
Intermediate	2	5 x GCSEs
Advanced	3	2 x A levels
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

You can start an apprenticeship at any level. Depending on the level, some apprenticeships may:

- require previous qualifications such as an English or maths GCSE
- give extra training in the English or maths skills needed so you're at the right level

Apprenticeships in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

There are lots of resources, events and stories online at:

https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/naw-2022

Apprenticeships in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) are a really good option for many young people seeking a career. But as a parent or carer how can you help guide them through the process if you don't have the right information or know what's involved?
This event will include:

- A focus on STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths careers.
- Amazing Apprenticeships will explore what an apprenticeship is, the different qualifications that can be achieved and how to find them.
- The role of training providers with input from a local college.
- An opportunity to hear from Lloyds Banking Group about how apprentices fit into their organisation.
- Interviews with current apprentices to find out first hand what being an apprentice means.

To book onto the event go to: https://tinyurl.com/5n7z4eax

Events in NAW in West Yorkshire include:

Thursday 10th February 2022

Engineering & Manufacturing Apprenticeship Open Event
10th February 2022 | 4-7pm | Appris Management Ltd, BTAL House, Laisterdyke, Bradford

Click here to BOOK NOW

The open evening provides a great opportunity to talk to tutors, assessors and current apprentices to find out what apprenticeships and training is really like. This event will be 'marketplace' style and you can talk to lots of employers offering apprenticeships in different engineering and manufacturing sectors. You will be able to apply for these roles on the evening too, so be prepared to meet your new employer!

Trinity Academy Cathedral

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Frequently asked questions

How many hours do I need to work?

Ideally you need to be working for a minimum of 30 hours per week with an employer. There are instances where slightly less hours may be agreed but this would extend the length of the apprenticeship.

Is there an age limit?

There is no age limit to do an apprenticeship but you must be 16 and finished school.

Does college find me an employer?

No, the apprenticeship recruitment team can support you, we will request a copy of your CV so that we can forward this to potential employers who we currently have vacancies for however we strongly encourage you to search yourself and let us know if you find a potential employer.

How do I find an employer?

Other ways to find an employer are to contact companies direct, use social media and search for vacancies on the National apprenticeship website Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) and the college website.

How much will it cost?

You will not pay any tuition fees, these are covered by the employer and/or government. Some of our apprenticeship courses also require a membership fee with the awarding body. (AAT and HR Courses).

Will I be paid?

Yes, you will be paid a wage while you learn and gain a qualification. Currently this is a minimum of £4.30 but is set to increase to £4.81 from April 2022. However, most employers do pay much more than this. If you are 19+ you can be paid the minimum for your first year and after this you would be paid national minimum wage for your age.

Will I come to college?

Each apprenticeship has different requirements but you may be required to attend one day per week as a maximum. Some courses don't require you to attend college. If your Maths and English need improvement you will study functional skills as a week block for each subject during the duration of your apprenticeship.

What happens if I don't get the required Maths and English grades?

Depending on the apprenticeship you choose, you may be able to complete functional skills to get your required grades. If your chosen apprenticeship didn't allow for this, there is the option to join the full time course and work towards your grades.

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Useful websites and links

A parent's guide to apprenticeships
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-parents-guide-to-apprenticeships
National apprenticeships website - This website has details of all apprenticeships nationwide.
https://www.gov.uk/education/apprenticeships-traineeships-and-internships
Amazing Apprenticeships website - a leading organisation in the education sector.
https://amazingapprenticeships.com/parents/
https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/
Government website
gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
Careerpilot
https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/apprenticeships

Open Events

Wednesday 16th February 5pm – 7pm