An introduction to apprenticeships for years 7 - 11
Introducing apprenticeships as a future option

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Your options

School leaving age

In England, your leaving age depends on when you were born. You can leave school on the last Friday in June as long as you’ll be 16 by the end of that year’s summer holidays.

But you must stay in some form of education or training until your 18th birthday if you were born on or after 1 September 1997.

The options are:

• Full-time education – e.g. at a school or college
• An apprenticeship or traineeship
• Part-time education or training – as well as being employed, self-employed or volunteering for 20 hours or more a week.
Hands up if you think you know what an apprenticeship is...
Watch this film to get an overview of apprenticeships.
An apprenticeship is a job with substantial training and the development of transferable skills. It is a way for young people to earn while they learn, gaining a real qualification and a real future.
The benefits are...

• Earn a salary
• Learn job specific skills
• Gain a variety of transferable skills
• Work towards nationally recognised qualifications/standards
• Progress into higher education
• Advance in your chosen career
Case study - Shane Trevitt

2006
Left school aged 16 with GCSEs

2006
Enrolled on plumbing course at local college

Applied for Advanced Apprenticeship in Plumbing and Heating with

2011
Entered WorldSkills

Now NG Bailey’s youngest Supervisor, Shane has enrolled on a Higher Apprenticeship in Construction and the Built Environment
Guess who?

Can you name the following people and guess what they started their career as?
Do you know...

• How many different kind of job roles and industries you find apprenticeships in?
• How many people started an apprenticeship in the last academic year?
• How many employers took on an apprentice?
Level of apprenticeships

Different levels of apprenticeships available

Intermediate apprenticeship
- Level 2
- 12-18 months
- Equivalent to 5 GCSEs A* - C

Advanced apprenticeship
- Level 3
- 18-48 months
- Equivalent to 2 A-levels

Higher & degree apprenticeships
- Levels 4, 5, 6, 7
- 24 months+
- Equivalent to foundation degree level+

Plus knowledge, competence, and employability skills
Apprenticeship levels in the Food and Drink industry

Duration of apprenticeship - months

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Apprenticeship levels in the IT Sector

- **Helpdesk Professional** (12 months)
  - Intermediate Level (Level 2)
- **Network Engineer** (12-18 months)
  - Advanced Level (Level 3)
- **IT Service Manager** (24+ months)
  - Higher Level (Level 4 and above)
Progression

THE SKY’S THE LIMIT

Your GCSEs, A-Levels...

Entry Points

Professional Status

Higher and degree apprenticeships
Level’s 4-7

Advanced apprenticeship
Level 3

Intermediate apprenticeship
Level 2

Traineeships
English and maths qualifications and up to 6 months work experience
What training will I have?

• Your apprenticeship will cover both hands on experience and training in all other aspects of the job.

• Your employer provides your ‘on the job’ training and pays your wages.

• The remainder of your learning is delivered by a college or training provider either at their premises, at the work place or via e-learning.

• You will be assessed in the workplace by your college or training provider.
What goes into an apprenticeship

Apprenticeship training

- English
- Transferable functional skills
- IT
- Maths
- On the job training sector skills
- National qualification (BTEC, NVQ, HNC, HND)
- Guided Learning Hours
- Competence Knowledge
What about higher education?

Apprenticeships go up to degree level and beyond

- Level 4 (Certificate of Higher Education)
- Level 5 (Foundation Degree)
- Level 6 (Bachelor’s Degree)
- Level 7 (Master’s Degree)
What if I am not ready for an apprenticeship or other job?
A Traineeship is an education and training programme to engage young people aged between 16-24 to prepare them for work or an apprenticeship by:-

- Providing work preparation training
- Providing support with literacy and maths
- Giving meaningful work experience
- Providing support with job search and/or progression into further learning
- Traineeship opportunities are advertised on Find a traineeship
What is a Traineeship?

A programme of between 6 weeks to 6 months, consisting of 4 Elements

• **A high quality work placement** to give a person a meaningful experience, to experience and develop workplace skills

• A focused period of **work preparation training**.

• **English and maths** for young people who have not achieved a GCSE Grade C or equivalent.

• **The flexibility to include** other employer elements such as vocational/industry specific content & qualifications
How do I apply for an apprenticeship?
There are up to 27,000 vacancies available on the site at any one time.

Find an apprenticeship
Apprenticeship vacancies

Follow the following 5 easy steps to get started:

1. Log on to www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

2. Click ‘Search the fine an apprenticeship service’ to start searching. You can search using keywords, job title, employer, vacancy reference number or by postcode, town, city

3. Click ‘Sign in’ under ‘Create an account’. Fill in your details and create your username and password

4. When you register for the first time you’ll get a confirmation email, enter the 6 digit code to activate your account

5. Once you have found a position you want applying is easy, use the reusable application form.

For any assistance using the job site call 08000 150 400
You can now:

Discover and explore all about apprenticeships and how to to be an apprentice yourself!
Further information

- If you would like further information about apprenticeships please visit www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

- To see the current jobs available please visit www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

- For further assistance you can view the film ‘How to apply for an Apprenticeship’ which provides a step by step guide through the vacancies service and explains what applicants can expect at every stage of the process.

- If you would like further advice on what apprenticeship to do or other career choices contact nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk or call 0800 100 900
Any Questions?