

## **Looking for an Apprenticeship 2022 after Y11**

### **Apprenticeships**

Are a combination of working with an employer and studying for a related careers qualification (in the work place or going to college or training centre)

Run at several levels -Intermediate Level 2 (GCSE level), Advanced Level 3 (A Level, BTEC Extended Diploma) and Higher and Degree Level 4. Usually Y11 start at Intermediate or Advanced Level

Are for a specific career e.g. Plumbing, Business Admin so check out the careers as well – use <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers> and explore careers on <https://icould.com> . If not sure what career you want use the Buzz Quiz on <https://www.icould.com> for suggestions

Are sometimes organised by the company but often arranged with an apprenticeship provider e.g.a private training organization or apprenticeship team within a college or university. Minimum of £4.81per hour but can be more

**Vacancies are often competitive so apply for lots. Start looking/ applying now through to the summer. Try to get the best GCSE grades you can and have a back-up plan just in case you don't manage to secure an apprenticeship**

### **Where to look/ What to do now**

For general apprenticeship information use [www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk) and <https://www.gov.uk/become-apprentice>

Register on [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship) by creating an account. You will then receive vacancy alerts but also check the site regularly for vacancies. Free helpdesk phone line **0800 015 0400**

Colleges/ apprenticeship providers often advertise on their own websites as well as usually advertising on gov.uk/apply so check these too

Contact local and national companies to ask about vacancies/ send a CV

Check other job seeking websites e.g. Gov.uk (<https://findajob.dwp.gov.uk/> ) Rate My Apprenticeship (<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/> ) Get My 1<sup>st</sup> Job (<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/> )

Talk to family and friends about what you are looking for as they may know companies you can contact or hear of vacancies you can apply for

### **CVs**

You may have already put one together but if not use information on <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/cv-sections> and <https://careerswales.gov.wales/getting-a-job/build-a-cv/cv-first-job-example>

**What skills do you have?** The skills assessment on the National Careers Service could help you to consider what skills you have and might want/ need to develop <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/skills-assessment>.

**Things to check if you are talking to an employer/ training provider about apprenticeships**

It is very important to find out as much as you can about any apprenticeships you are considering/ are offered. Check out

What work will you do?

Where will you work?

What hours will you work?

Who will organise the apprenticeship – the employer alone or through an apprenticeship provider?

What GCSEs do you need - subjects and grades?

When can you apply?

How do you apply?

What level of apprenticeship is available – Intermediate or Advanced?

What qualification will you study on the apprenticeship?

Where/ how will you study for the qualification?

How long is the apprenticeship for?

What will come after the apprenticeship?

How much will you be paid on the apprenticeship?

**Backup Options**

**6<sup>th</sup> form courses.** Usually subject based A Levels courses at Level 3 for 2 years

**College Courses.** Various courses, many with a career focus, offered from Entry, Level 1, 2 or 3 for 1 or 2 years. Entry grades vary

**Traineeships.** Short periods of work experience with an employer and can last from 6 weeks up to six months. They may also include English and maths support (if required/needed). You can search for Traineeships on: [www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/traineeshipsearch](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/traineeshipsearch)

**Study Programmes.** These focus on developing personal skills/ confidence, employability skills, English, Maths and include work experience. They last from 6 months to a year.

**Good luck with your plans. If you have any questions please talk to your form tutor. Anne Brown Careers Adviser is in school on Wednesdays only and is based next door to the isolation room on the blue corridor 4.4.22**