

### This week is National Apprenticeship Week.

We have tailored our Careers education to ensure that students are aware of apprenticeships as a potential option for their future. During form time this week, students have had sessions to educate them on what apprenticeships are, what types exist and where they can look to find them.

If students wish to extend their understanding further, we have attached the following resources to support them.

- A Guide to Apprenticeship
- Year 7 activity pack
- Year 8 activity pack
- Year 9 activity pack
- A–Z of Apprenticeships pack which we recommend students read.

Students' Careers Education is primarily delivered through the Start Careers online programme, which all students have their own log-in for. Please do encourage your child to show you this, you can find this by <u>clicking here</u>. Students log-in using their school email address and password. In the event they have forgotten their password, this is easily reset using the reset option on the website.

The following pages are devoted to apprenticeship events happening this week.





# NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2022

7 - 13 FEBRUARY 2022



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Apprenticeships increasingly offer a brilliant alternative to a full university degree, however, they can be difficult to understand. National Apprenticeship Week offers students the opportunity to learn more about apprenticeships across the country.

At school we will be talking to students about how to apply for apprenticeships (they can be advertised anytime throughout the year) as well as how to combine an apprenticeship with a university degree.

#### What do you know about apprenticeships?

Test your knowledge with this fun quiz and learn a little more about what roles are available, when to apply, when companies advertise and what they might be looking for.

Can you get 10/10?

Take this quiz to find out: The Apprenticeship Quiz 2022

You can keep up to date with National Apprenticeship Week 2022 updates on social media by following <u>@Apprenticeships on Twitter</u> and <u>Apprenticeships on LinkedIn</u>. Use the hashtags #NAW2022 and #BuildTheFuture on social media activity.

To find out more about apprenticeships, visit: www.apprenticeships.gov.uk





### Information sessions for parents & students

During National Apprenticeship Week the organisation Amazing Apprenticeships will be delivering two virtual sessions to help parents and students know more about apprenticeships: a parents session and a CV writing session.

#### Parents apprenticeship session

#### Tuesday 8th February, 6pm

This parents session, delivered by All About STEM, is intended to support parents/carers with their knowledge and understanding about apprenticeships. For many parents/carers, apprenticeships are seen as something to avoid as the experience of what an apprenticeship was 20+ years ago is very different to what it is today! This session will be providing up-to-date information as well as doing a bit of myth busting. There will also be time throughout to ask questions.

To access this session, click on this <u>Zoom link</u>, which will allow people to register using the name of the school. The session is completely free of charge, and parents/carers of any child across any year group are welcome.

#### **CV** writing session

#### Thursday 10th February, 4.30pm

This session is designed to support learners with their understanding of what it means to create a good quality CV. Learners are required to create a CV whether they are looking for an apprentice-ship, work experience, employment or voluntary work. A good CV follows the same format

whether you're applying for your first job or your fifth job so it might well be a helpful session for any member of the household! The session will guide you through CV structure and provide hints and tips to make sure that your CV stands out from the crowd. To access this session, you need to register using this <u>Zoom link</u>. The session is again, completely free of charge, and is open to any learner across any year group.





National Apprenticeship Week is a time to celebrate the value of apprenticeships, and there are plenty of fairs and events taking place locally throughout the month.



Monday 7th February 2022, 10–12pm, Online event Kids Planet Nursery: Building the future for early years

The event will focus on early years childcare apprenticeship opportunities. You will have the chance to take a virtual tour of one of the nurseries and speak to current and previous apprentices about their experiences.

To book, click here.

Wednesday 9th February 2022, 10–3pm, Frontier House, Merchants Quay, Salford M50 3SR Salford City College Recruitment Session

Come along and meet the recruitment team at Salford City College and find out what live vacancies you can apply for. Please email first to make an appointment.

To book, click here.



Wednesday 9th February 2022, 11–8pm, SETA

Engineering Training centre, Reddish, Stockport SK4 1PQ

Seta Engineering Apprenticeship Open Day/Evening

An opportunity to find out about Engineering Apprenticeships, training and employers, and take away an application for 2022.

For more information, contact Simon Artley (sartley@setatraining.com) or Lisa Harris (lharris@setatraining.com).

Thursday 10th February 2022, 4–7pm, Horwich Business Park, Chorley New Road, Horwich, Bolton BL6 5UE

**Alliance Learning Apprenticeship Open Evening Event 2022** 

An open evening that will give you the opportunity to find out more about apprenticeship opportunities.

To book, click here.

Thursday 10th February 2022, 4–7pm, Kendal College, Milnthorpe Road Campus, Kendal LA5 9AY

**Kendal College Apprenticeship Open Evening** 

An information evening which will provide information for parents and students on local apprenticeship opportunities and how to find an apprenticeship.

To find out more and book, click here.

Thursday 17th February 2022, 4–8pm, 17 Sedling Road, Wear Industrial Estate, Washington NE38 9BZ

**Seta Engineering Apprenticeship Event** 

This face-to-face event has been created for young people and their families to view Seta's facilities and talk to them about their apprenticeship opportunities.

To find out more and book, click here.

<u>Click here</u> to browse apprenticeships based on interest and location.



These free webinars from top companies are being run online this week. For more information on any of these events, <u>click here</u>.

#### **MONDAY 7TH FEBRUARY**

#### **Careers In Engineering Construction – Engineering The Future**

9-10am (virtual event)

To register, click here.

#### **Discover Apprenticeships at IBM**

11-12pm (virtual event)

To register, click here.

#### Careers at the Financial Conduct Authority: The Role of the Regulator

1-3pm (virtual event)

To register, <u>click here</u>.

#### Careers at Arcadis -

#### Transform your world

3-4pm (virtual event)

To register, click here.

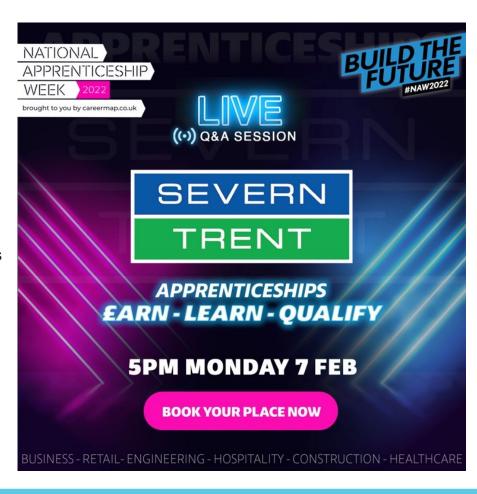
#### ST Empowered -

**Operational Apprenticeships** 

#### in the Utilities Industry

5–6pm (virtual event)

To register, click here.





#### **TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY**

#### Think Career, Think rail!

9-10am (virtual event)

To register, click here.

#### Why more females should consider careers as electricians and plumbers

11-12pm (virtual event)

To register, click here.

#### **Unravelling the Mysteries of Accountancy as a Profession**

1-2pm (virtual event)

To register, click here.

#### Getting ahead of the game

3-4pm (virtual event)

To register, click here.

Apprenticeships – their vital importance to the future skills of the workforce

4-5pm (virtual event)

To register, click here.

Magnox Apprentices – Join the Nuclear Workforce of the Future

5–6pm (virtual event)

To register, click here.





### **WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY**

#### Building the workforce of the future through apprenticeships

9–10am (virtual event)

To register, click here.

#### **DE&S – Ministry of Defence NAW 2022**

11-12pm (virtual event)

To register, click here.

#### Meet the future you

1-2pm (virtual event)

To register, click here.



#### National Nuclear Laboratory Apprenticeships Q&A Session

3-4pm (virtual event)

To register, click here.

#### **THURSDAY 10TH FEBRUARY**

Investors in People: Is your apprenticeship scheme making a difference?

9-10am (virtual event)

To register, click here.

#### **Degree Level Apprenticeships at Amazon**

11-12pm (virtual event)

To register, click here.

#### Laing O'Rourke: The Power Of Experience

1–2pm (virtual event)

To register, click here.



### Apprenticeships at Bloomberg – How to Submit a Winning Application

3-4pm (virtual event)

To register, <u>click here</u>.



#### **FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY**

#### Join Our Apprenticeship Programme And Make A Difference

9-10am (virtual event)

To register, click here.

#### Shape the future of energy with National Grid

11-12pm (virtual event)

To register, click here.

### **Zurich Apprenticeship Insight Session**

1–2pm (virtual event)

To register, click here.

#### Apprenticeships in the UK's growing tech industry

3-4pm (virtual event)

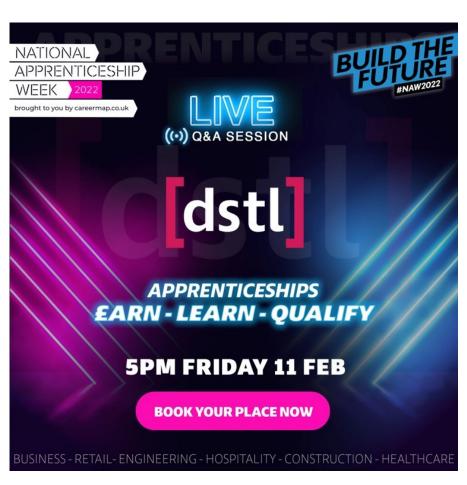
To register, click here.

## Dstl – Apprenticeships that help keep the UK safe

5–6pm (virtual event)

To register, click here.

For more information, and to register for any of these free events, <u>click here</u>.







### Tips on finding an Apprenticeship

<u>www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch</u> provides an online vacancy search to help you find an apprenticeship. You can search without creating an account.

You will need to <u>create an account</u> to:

- apply for apprenticeships
- get email and text alerts about new apprenticeships and your applications
- track your applications

**Higher and Degree Apprenticeships** – You can find details of higher and degree apprenticeship vacancies using this <u>UCAS search tool</u>. These include vacancies being advertised by a small group of employers well in advance of their September start date (or later), giving you plenty of time to consider all your options.

Please note that not all apprenticeships will be listed on the websites above. You might need to use these other ways too.

- The internet and local newspaper check your local newspaper for vacancies or try searching online for local providers and employers.
- College or training provider websites check the websites for local colleges and training
  providers as many advertise vacancies on their website. You can usually register your details
  with these and they will give you advice on how you can find an apprenticeship. Some
  colleges and training providers will also forward your CV to employers looking for
  apprentices.
- **Employer websites** employers sometimes advertise on their own website. Search their site to find vacancies and get a better idea of what they're looking for in their employees.
- **Approach an employer** you could directly approach an employer to ask if they would consider taking on an apprentice, then contact your local college or training provider who will do the rest.
- **Job vacancy sites** Another place to look can be on the national job vacancy sites, which also include local search options. Have a look at: <a href="www.indeed.co.uk">www.indeed.co.uk</a>, <a href="www.monster.co.uk">www.monster.co.uk</a> <a href="www.totaljobs.com">www.jobsite.co.uk</a>.



### Tips on applying for an Apprenticeship

Here are some tips to help you apply for an apprenticeship:

- Research the apprenticeship thoroughly. You'll need to know the role inside-out for your application and any possible interviews. Check if there's a number you can call for an informal chat about the role don't be afraid to ask questions if you're unsure about anything. Print out a copy of the vacancy so that you can refer to this when you are filling out your application.
- Make a list of your experiences, hobbies and interests. Print it off and keep it in front of you while you apply. You could also use your CV if you have one (see p.6). If you get stuck, you can refer to it throughout your application. You need to compare and match your experience with what the employer and training provider are looking for in their job specification.
- Make sure you tailor your application to the job you're applying for. Tie in your experiences and hobbies with what you'll be doing in the apprenticeship. For example, if you're applying for an apprenticeship in engineering, talk about relevant projects you've worked on in science or maths.
- You'll need to be able to write about yourself. If you're stuck, ask teachers, friends and family to list your three top qualities to give you a starting point.
- Talk about your skills and qualities, not just your hobbies. For example, if you've been the captain of the school football team, this shows leadership and teamwork skills.
- The application form will be similar to a job application. You'll need to provide examples to prove what you're talking about. For example, if you say communication is a strength of yours, have evidence to back this up such as being on the school debating team.
- Don't just spellcheck your application.
   Get someone to read through it before you send it. Good spelling, punctuation and grammar are important.

Good luck with your applications!





### Tips on finding a Traineeship

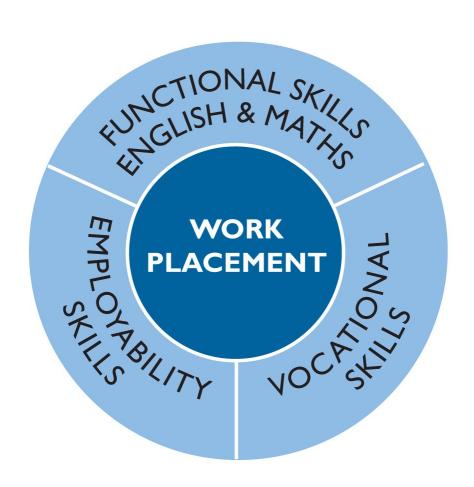
You may want to consider a Traineeship if you have been unable to secure an apprenticeship. The programme can last up to a maximum of 6 months with the content tailored to your individual career needs. A traineeship will usually include a work experience placement, work preparation training, and English and Maths if needed.

You could be suitable if you are:

- Motivated to work
- Unemployed, or work fewer than 16 hours per week and have little work experience
- Aged between 16–24 and qualified below Level 3

Traineeships are ideal if you are motivated to get a job but lack the skills and experience that employers are looking for.

To search for traineeship vacancies use the government's website: www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/traineeshipsearch





### **On-demand Apprenticeship opportunities**

Want to know more about apprenticeships at these specific companies? Try these on-demand videos.



BDO - UNRAVELLING THE MYSTERIES OF ACCOUNTING AS A PROFESSION



ECITB - ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIPS



EXPERIAN: INTERVIEW SKILLS WORKSHOP



JTL: ELECTRICAL, HEATING & PLUMBING APPRENTICESHIPS

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APPRENTICESHIPS



SEVERN TRENT
EMPOWERED APPRENTICESHIPS FOR
THE GIRLS IN THE WATER
INDUSTRY



### **HSBC Investing in Futures**







Apprenticeships play an important role in HSBC's business, and provide people an alternative route into a challenging and rewarding career. HSBC believes that apprenticeship opportunities are one of the very best ways to equip people with the skills they need to succeed.

As part of National Apprenticeship Week, the Early Careers team at HSBC will share their knowledge and expertise at virtual events with the aim of increasing awareness on the different levels of apprenticeships.

The webinars will all be free to attend, and will be hosted via Zoom. Students are able to register in advance through the following links. Spaces are limited, and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

- Careers in Banking & Finance
   Monday 7th February, 5–6.30pm
   To register, click here.
- Your Journey into Banking Finance
   Tuesday 8th February, 6–7.15pm
   To register, click here.
- HSBC Exclusive Event
   Tuesday 8th February, 6–7.00pm

Explore career route ways to HSBC and put your questions to a panel of Apprentices, Degree Apprentices, Graduates, Programme Managers and the Early Careers Team. To register, click <u>here</u>.

**HSBC Foundation Apprenticeship** opportunities will be going live during the National Apprenticeship Week. These opportunities will be available to view and apply to via HSBC's <a href="UK Apprenticeships">UK Apprenticeships</a> page.

### **APPRENTICESHIPS**

**BAE SYSTEMS** 

### **BAE Systems Apprenticeships now open**

Applications are now open for 2022 apprenticeships at BAE Systems. The closing date is **Monday 28th February 2022**.

Whether you choose an engineering or a business apprenticeship you'll be guaranteed a good salary; academic or vocational qualifications; hands-on training; and work where you can make a real contribution, doing work of vital importance. BAE Systems says that with an average of 2000 apprentices in learning, you'll be joining others who'll become great colleagues and friends for life.

Apprenticeship schemes on offer include:

- Software Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Project Management
- Maintenance
- Finance
- Business

- Aircraft Maintenance
- Welding
- Mechanical Engineering
- Management
- Design
- Sheet metal

For more information about the apprentice programmes on offer, click here.

All apprentices receive support from managers who are dedicated to helping them make the most of their programme. Many of the company's employees started their careers as apprentices and, working alongside you, they are passionate about inspiring you to achieve great things.

BAE Systems is an inclusive employer and encourages applications from all parts of society. It is happy to discuss any necessary adjustments or arrangements that might help support your application. The company has specialist employees that champion diversity and inclusivity. A number of employee resource groups support gender, disability and LGBT issues for its employees and create strong networks of support and interest.

To read some employee success stories, click here.

For a list of frequently asked questions, click here.









### **Degree Apprenticeships**

On demand, Manchester Metropolitan University

#### Introduction to degree apprenticeships

This session outlines the benefits of degree apprenticeships, gives students an overview of the different apprenticeships available, including a detailed breakdown of the application process and the key skills required for a successful application.

### Wednesday 9th February, University of Winchester, 6.30pm Be an Apprentice, Be the Difference



During National Apprenticeship Week #NAW2022 the University of Winchester is offering an online session designed to support students' decision making as they consider their possibilities. Click here to find out more about where a degree apprenticeship could take you, hear from past apprentices, employers and ask questions about courses at the university.

### Tuesday 15th February, University of Exeter, 6–7pm

#### Studying a degree apprenticeship at the University of Exeter

This session will discuss the format and delivery of degree apprenticeships, using University of Exeter undergraduate programmes as case studies.

<u>Click here</u> to join online and find out more about these unique courses.