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# A PARENT'S GUIDE TO APPRENTICESHIPS



As a parent you want your child to get the best possible start in their career. There are many options available to young people after they leave school, and in this guide we outline information and benefits about apprenticeships as a key route into a successful career. What's an apprenticeship? It's a real job, with real training, meaning you can earn while you learn and gain a nationally recognised qualification.

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## What are the benefits?

Apprenticeships are now available up to degree level and beyond.

- Earning a salary and paid holiday;
- Excellent progression opportunities, whether looking to study further or climb the ranks within the workplace;
- Increased future earning potential
- Apprentices enjoy marked salary increases on finishing their training and those completing a higher apprenticeship could see increased earnings of an estimated £150,000 over their lifetime.\*

## Apprenticeship Levels

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes
Advanced	3	2 A-Level passes
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

## Entry requirements

Apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of 16, living in England. They must have GCSE grades A-C in Maths and English, or an equivalent level.

All apprenticeships include elements of on the job and off the job training leading to industry recognised standards or qualifications. Some apprenticeships will require an assessment at the end of the programme to assess the apprentice's ability and competence in their job role.

## Salaries

The minimum wage for apprentices is £3.50\*\* per hour, but many employers pay more than this. This is dependant on the sector, region and apprenticeship level e.g. some higher apprenticeships pay up to £500 per week. More details on salaries and entry criteria in specific apprenticeship occupations can be accessed by looking at the vacancies on 'Find an apprenticeship'.

## How do you apply?

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