

APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships are an increasingly attractive option to young people post 16. Whilst apprenticeships have often been associated with traditional trades such as plumbing, joinery and electrician in the past, they are now available in many sectors and industries, including accountancy, legal, advertising, childcare, construction and many more.

Apprenticeships involve a combination of work-based training and experience with a business or company, and classroom-based learning with a training provider such as a post-16 college.

Key things to know about apprenticeships:

- Learning time split between employer and training provider
- Apprenticeships are paid
- Available at different levels
- Some apprenticeships can now be pursued to degree level
- Many apprenticeships lead to an offer of employment
- Apprentices are subject to high standards and expectations of attendance and conduct

More and more apprenticeship opportunities are created every year and they are in high demand. The application process is competitive and should not be seen as an easy option.

The school will communicate any apprenticeship opportunities we are made aware of to ALL students and parents.

During Year 10 and 11 we arrange trips to The Growth Company Skills Centre, an apprenticeship training provider, for students interested in trade apprenticeships.

As part of our assembly programme, The Growth Company delivers talks in Years 10 and 11 about apprenticeships in general and the application process. They are also invited into school to run drop in sessions.

The school also invites companies representing a range of industries and sectors to present in assemblies, including information on apprenticeship pathways where applicable.

For more information on apprenticeships visit the following websites:



<https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships> This website provides lot of information about apprenticeships

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> Use this website to search for apprenticeships in your area



<https://www.theapprenticeshiphub.co.uk/>



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