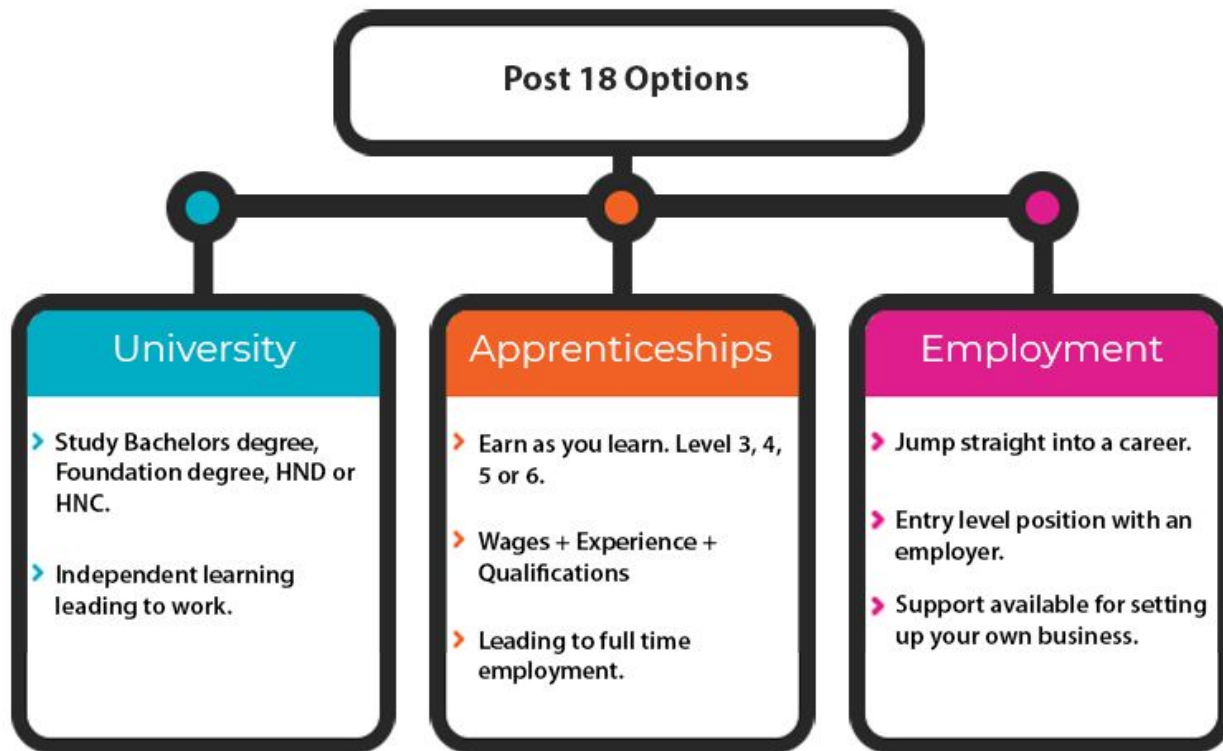


# UCAS Launch for Parents & Guardians

## Today's session:

1. Options after leaving school?
2. UCAS Timeline / UCAS for students
3. Apprenticeship Timeline / support for students
4. Questions



*I am not sure what I want to do- do I still need to go through the UCAS process?*

Yes, the process of research, decision making, personal statement writing will help you no matter what pathway you take

This year...

Of the 47 students in Year 13:

- 43 students applied to university,
- 2 have applied but have decided to defer application.
- An apprenticeship at Deloitte- Auditing.
- An offer to Cambridge for Architecture
- 2 offers for Medicine at UCL & University of Sunderland
- 2 students off to a London fashion college
- 56% of the students received offers from Russell group universities.

UCAS



# What is UCAS?

**UCAS** stands for Universities and Colleges Admissions Service. It's the centralised service that students use to apply to university.

Think of **UCAS** as an online dating service: through it you can select and apply to universities, the universities take your proposal and decide whether or not to offer you a place.



# Is University for you?



**WE WANT YOU!**

- Do you seek academic challenge?
- Do you want to study for a further 3, or more years?
- Does this excite you?
- Are you seeking to develop as a person?
- Do you want to develop your independence?
- Is this your own decision or an aspiration?
- Do you have a medium/long-term career plan?

This must be the right decision for each of **YOU!**

After leaving school, most students going onto university or college study for an undergraduate degree. These are usually made up of modules (some compulsory and some optional) that add up to a full degree.

Here are some examples of the types of undergraduate courses you can do.

- Bachelor degree courses - which can include a placement year home or abroad
- Foundation years (1 year course)
- Diploma in Foundation Studies (art and design) (1 year course)
- Foundation degrees (usually 2 year courses; work has paid for this University route/ones which require fewer qualifications/exams)
- HNCs, HNDs, and other incremental routes ( 1 or 2 year ‘top-up’ course)
- Degree or graduate level apprenticeship (work will be running this or the trainer; highly competitive and high entry requirements) video [here](#)

# What is the right course for each student?

Over the course of this term we will be utilising the time students have to begin this exciting journey of higher education. It's really important they are having an open conversation with family, friends and teachers about life after sixth form. Also doing as much research as they can when looking at the courses and universities they want to go to...this may be a good place to start [What University Course Should You Study ? & The Complete University Guide.](#)




# How many applications or courses?

Students can pick **5** courses from up to **5** Universities unless...

Are applying for a course in the following fields, then they only have 4:

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Veterinary medicine
- Veterinary science.



Timeline for sending off your personal statement is earlier for these courses - ucas deadline is the **15th October 2024** but the school has an earlier deadline!

## Oxbridge & Medics Group

If students are thinking about applying to Oxford, Cambridge or for Medicine / Dentistry / Vet Met / Vet Sciences - they will have already spoken to Mrs Kondal and a plan is in place. Have a look at this [guide to Oxbridge](#) to help you decide if this is for you.

Students interested in applying for these subjects will meet regularly with Mrs Kondal for preparation.

## Maths / Physics / Computer Science / Engineering/ Law

If students are thinking about applying for any of the above subjects - some universities require an admissions test.

There will be some extra support when preparing these applications, in particular if they have to prepare for any entrance exams.

[University Admissions Tests](#) and [Which university admissions test](#)



Be interested, start the conversations now, be a positive sounding board and keep them regular. It might be good to consider:

- Subjects they study now
- A subject related to a career
- What do they enjoy doing? What are they good at?
- What are their career ambitions?
- Attend open days - ideally this summer. Find them [here](#).
- Help them to be ambitious and realistic in their choices
- Help them think about where they want to go
- UCAS provide a [Parent & Guardian](#) advice page where you can learn more about the application and the process.
- [Labour Market Information March 2022](#) has useful information on growing industry sectors



# How can I help?

Attend open days with your child - ideally this summer. Find them [here](#).

Most should fall on weekends.

Students can be authorised to attend up to 2 open days during school time.

They must give at least 48 hours notice before these days.

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**NEW MODEL INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING** 27-Apr Open Day  
**Sheffield Hallam University** 28-Apr Open Day  
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**University of Worcester** 27-Apr Open Day

## Open day calendar

Browse the Opendays.com calendar of university and college open days

Select a month: Jan Feb Mar **Apr** May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

### April 2024

← March | May →

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**Wednesday**  
**3**  
Apr.



**University of Kent**  
University of Kent

Wednesday 3 April 2024 open day 📍 Canterbury

3-Apr Open Day

**Future postgrads, you're up next!** Reach your potential at Kent and find out more at our Postgraduate Open Event on **3 April**.

- Discover our flexible study options; full-time, part-time, online, on-campus and career development courses.



## UCAS

UCAS fees: £28.50

- Discuss choices with your child
- Citizenship and residency status questions on UCAS. Ensure your child has correct information

## Student Finance

- Students will have a dedicated university led session on how to apply for student finance but the onus is on student to apply
- Requires information about parent/carer's income
- Requires national insurance number so ensure your child has one
- Passport/residency - if your child has not been born in the UK or does not have settlement status they may be subject to international fees

# Timeline - school deadlines are earlier thanucas deadlines

18th April - 25th May	Students work on UCAS tasks over the next 5 weeks (see next slide)
30th April	UCAS Search is updated with 2024 courses but students cannot register
WB 13th May	Students will register with UCAS as a group during a registration with the new school buzzword.
23rd May	Students hand in My Future Document including first draft of Personal Statement
5th June	Students work on second draft of Personal Statement ready to share with form tutors
4th July	Students submit their final PS to Head of Y12 and decide on final 5 choices
End Sept	All Oxbridge students and those for most courses in medicine, veterinary and dentistry to submit and pay for UCAS. Following payment the UCAS adviser will upload final predicted grades and teacher reference.
End Nov	All other applications for all other UCAS undergraduate courses will submit and pay. UCAS adviser will upload final predicted grades and teacher reference.

# What next? The Plan

Date	Date	Task
18/04/24	25/04/24	<b>Future choices &amp; Northwood Diploma:</b> Go through your diploma booklet and start adding notes where you have completed relevant research, community service, intellectual curiosity towards the course you wish to apply for, note, you cannot waffle, the research and 'why' is so important when applying to university. This is the 'My Future Doc' on GC.
18/04/24	25/04/24	<b>Future Planning and course research:</b> Pick 5 universities and courses that you are interested in and fill out on a google doc and submit.
25/04/24	On-going	<b>Open days:</b> You have now researched the universities now look into open days for these universities and others (keep your options up at this stage)
02/05/24	09/05/24	<b>PS Notes:</b> On a google doc, begin to make a bulleted list of everything you are able to add on to your personal statement - this will be your first draft (note form)
09/05/24	16/05/24	<b>Draft:</b> Finish your first draft (note form) of your personal statement and hand in - this is only a first draft, you will have many more chances to improve it!



# What makes a good UCAS Application

- Clear planning and choices made - do students really know what they have applied for, are they passionate?
- Appropriate predicted grades (Teachers make predicted grades and write references which go on their UCAS application.)
- Strong Personal Statement
- Variety of wider reading
- Work Experience
- Interest in studying the course at a higher level

**End of Year 12 exams** are really important - they inform predicted grades!

**It is SO important that students continue to work hard** to the best of their ability to ensure their predicted grades are as high as possible. **This will affect the Universities they can or cannot apply to.**

[Writing a Personal Statement - Tutorial Booklet | Resources](#)

[Applying for Art Degrees: a step by step guide | Resources](#)

[Geography: applying for Geography degrees - step by step guide with advice for Year 11 and Year 12 | Resources](#)

[Medical Schools entry criteria 2020: created by the Medical Schools Council | Resources](#)

[www.medschools.ac.uk](http://www.medschools.ac.uk)

[UCAS.com](#) - UCAS Hub is a very useful tool for students to start exploring subjects, considering apprenticeships, shortlisting their final 5 and about writing personal statements and CVs

[Unibuddy on ucas.com](#): Unibuddy gives you a chance to speak to current undergraduates who have already experienced student life and the courses you are applying for

[UCAS Guide for Parents and Carers](#) - to share with your parent/carer

**University Open Days:** These have all now gone virtual so you can search via [Open Days.com](#) or [UCAS Open Days](#)

[Student Stream](#) is another useful research tool. There are many available.

Question	Answer																					
<p>(Student:) <b><i>Do I have to do this preparation even if I don't want to go to university?</i></b></p>	<p>Yes. It might be a really useful process in helping you to decide whether university is the right option for you. Writing a personal statement is so useful and can be adapted later for apprenticeship / job applications.</p> <p>Feel free to start researching other options and add them to your copy of the 'My Future' document so you have a record.</p>																					
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# Thank you for listening

This presentation will be available on the school website tomorrow to allow you to go through the links.

Any questions?

# Other Pathways for your child to consider:

Apprenticeships appeal to those looking for **alternatives to university** as they take a more practical approach to learning. You'll focus on training for a specific career and learn your trade by actually doing the job. You'll gain hands-on experience and have the opportunity to apply your skills immediately. Here are some **pros** and **cons** from one of our very own 1st year apprenticeship students completing a Marketing degree apprenticeship with Unilever:

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earning a qualification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A lot of work &amp; research</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting paid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miss out on 'uni life'</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant work experience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing many applications to many employers (a lot of time/energy!)</li> </ul>
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Evelyn Ngugi from ASK Apprenticeships is online to answer any questions on apprenticeship.

# What are apprenticeships?



Employed



Off the job



Intermediate – degree  
level



Paid a salary



Typically 1-6 years



Real responsibilities



Contract

**600+**

600+  
standards



Not the easy option

## Apprenticeship levels



Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade 4-9 (A*-C)
Advanced	3	2 A Levels / Level 3 diploma / International Baccalaureate
Higher	4,5,6 & 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 & 7	Bachelor's or master's degree



# Higher and Degree apprenticeships

Work full-time and study part-time



Learning



Salary



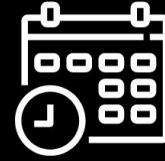
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Experience



4-6 Years



University fees paid by employer and/or Government

100+ universities offer apprenticeships

# How an apprenticeship is delivered



Workplace learning



Online learning



Classroom learning



Attend college/university/training providers

# Degree apprenticeships available



Aerospace  
engineer



Architect



Chartered legal  
executive



Dietitian



Social worker



Storyboard  
artist



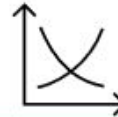
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Project  
Manager



Senior  
Journalist

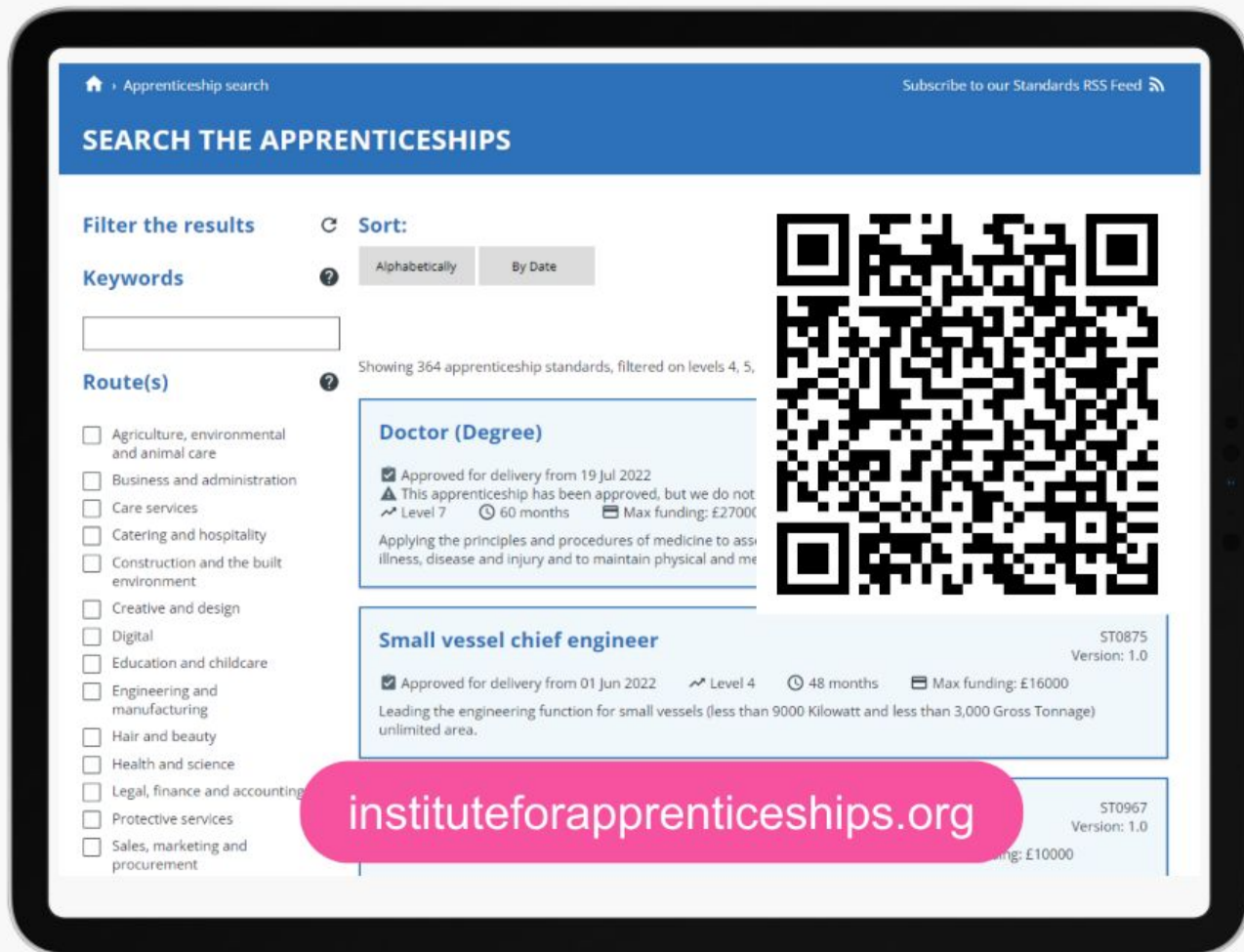


Marketing  
manager



First officer  
pilot

# Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education



Home Apprenticeship search Subscribe to our Standards RSS Feed

## SEARCH THE APPRENTICESHIPS

**Filter the results** Sort:

**Keywords** Alphabetically By Date

**Route(s)** Showing 364 apprenticeship standards, filtered on levels 4, 5.

- Agriculture, environmental and animal care
- Business and administration
- Care services
- Catering and hospitality
- Construction and the built environment
- Creative and design
- Digital
- Education and childcare
- Engineering and manufacturing
- Hair and beauty
- Health and science
- Legal, finance and accounting
- Protective services
- Sales, marketing and procurement

### Doctor (Degree)

Approved for delivery from 19 Jul 2022  
⚠ This apprenticeship has been approved, but we do not  
📈 Level 7 🕒 60 months 💰 Max funding: £27000

Applying the principles and procedures of medicine to assist illness, disease and injury and to maintain physical and me

### Small vessel chief engineer

Approved for delivery from 01 Jun 2022 📈 Level 4 🕒 48 months 💰 Max funding: £16000

Leading the engineering function for small vessels (less than 9000 Kilowatt and less than 3,000 Gross Tonnage) unlimited area.


ST0875  
Version: 1.0

### Small vessel chief engineer

Approved for delivery from 01 Jun 2022 📈 Level 4 🕒 48 months 💰 Max funding: £10000

ST0967  
Version: 1.0

[instituteforapprenticeships.org](https://instituteforapprenticeships.org)



# Video – Carly @ House of Commons Apprentice

Carly @ House of Commons Apprentice Story on Vimeo  
(3m15s)

<https://vimeo.com/641046798>

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(Ola)  
Ola-Adebomi





**Software Engineering Consultant  
Degree Apprentice**



**PA Consulting**



**Digital and Technology Solutions at  
QA Training Limited in Partnership  
with University of Roehampton**

# Current role, responsibilities and tools



## Teamwork and Collaboration

Working with a team of experienced software developers and consultants to understand client requirements and develop custom software solutions



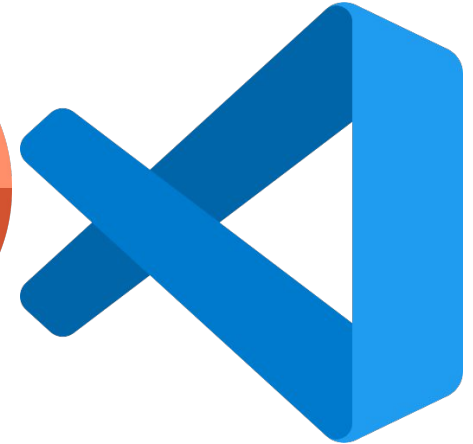
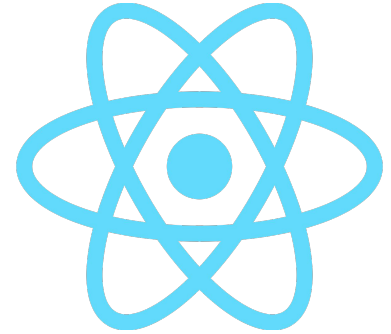
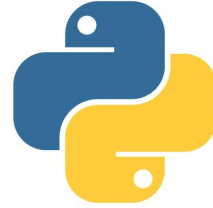
## Curiosity

Learning and implementing new technologies and software development best practices



## Communication

Participating in meetings with clients to understand their requirements and provide solutions





Which employers  
offer  
apprenticeships?

AIRBUS

BBC

British Gas

★ PRET ★

pwc



JAGUAR

pets  
at home



MINI

sky

FUJITSU

Specsavers



ROLLS  
ROYCE

gsk

itv



LAND  
ROVER



ROLLS  
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discover fashion online



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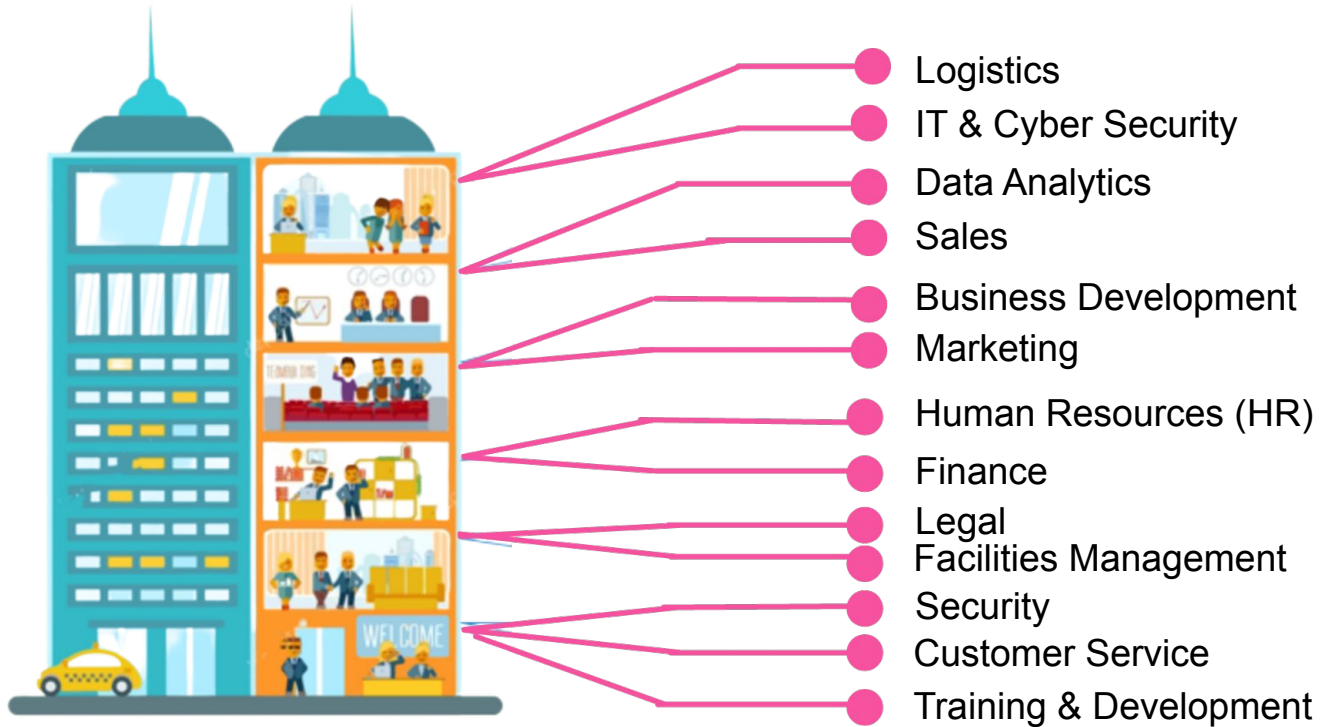
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# Look inside the company



# How do you find an apprenticeship?



Register on Find  
An Apprenticeship



Manage your alerts



Do your research



Contact companies



Search and apply

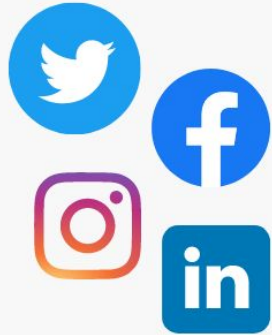
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apprenticeship  
visit GOV.UK



# Where to look



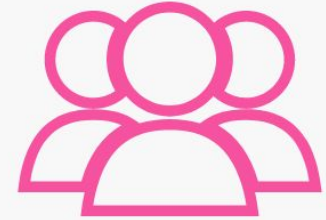
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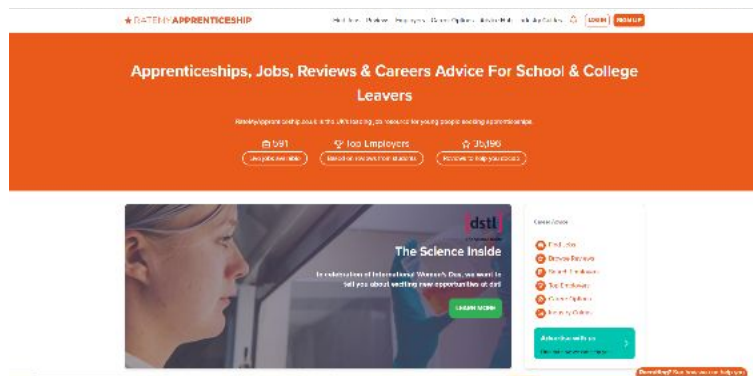


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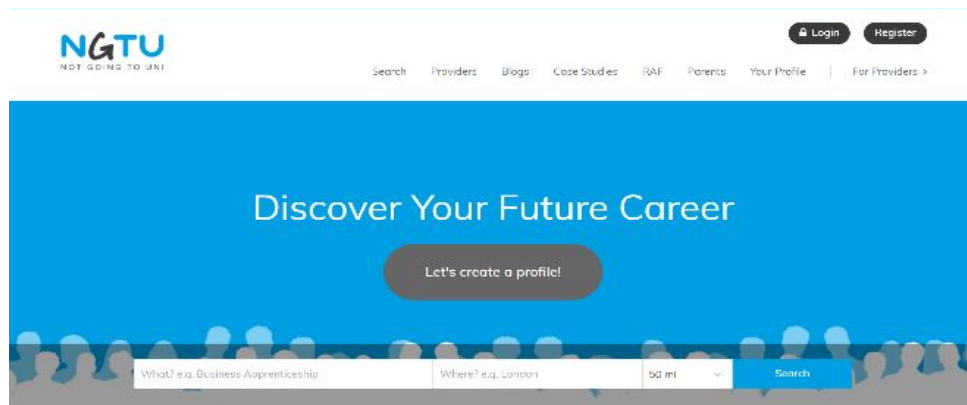


Your family  
or friends

# Other websites



Google: “Rate My  
Apprenticeship”  
([www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk](http://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk))



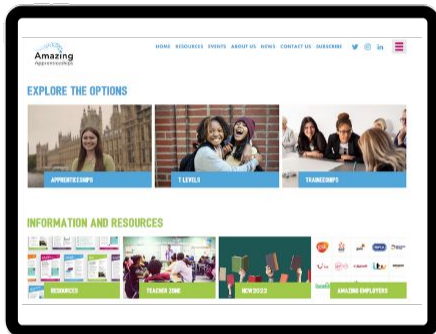
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## Selection of apprenticeship vacancies recently advertised for Sept 2024 start (London area)

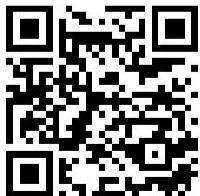
Vacancy Information	Closing Date	Annual Salary
Level 4 Professional Accountancy Apprenticeship Programme <b>Unilever U.K. Central Resources Limited</b>	29 Feb 2024	£17,000
Level 6 Data Analytics - Degree Apprenticeship <b>BP P.L.C</b>	29 Feb 2024	£24,100
Level 4 Quantity Surveying Apprentice <b>NG Bailey Group Limited</b>	26 Feb 2024	£20,500
Level 6 Cyber Security Apprentice <b>Amazon Uk Services Ltd</b>	23 Feb 2024	£33,592



# More information



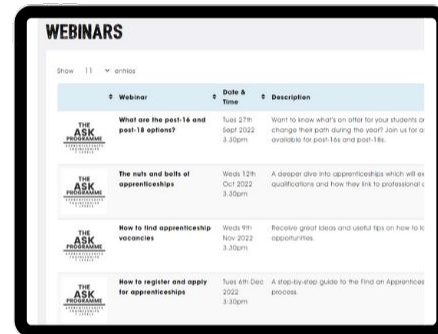
Amazing Apprenticeships website



Guide to apprenticeships: Parents



Parent Perspective Podcast



Workshops and webinars



# Resources for parents



**Parents' and carers' Pack**  
Helping your child search and apply for apprenticeships

Apprenticeships

APPRENTICESHIPS

Connecting people with ambition to businesses with vision

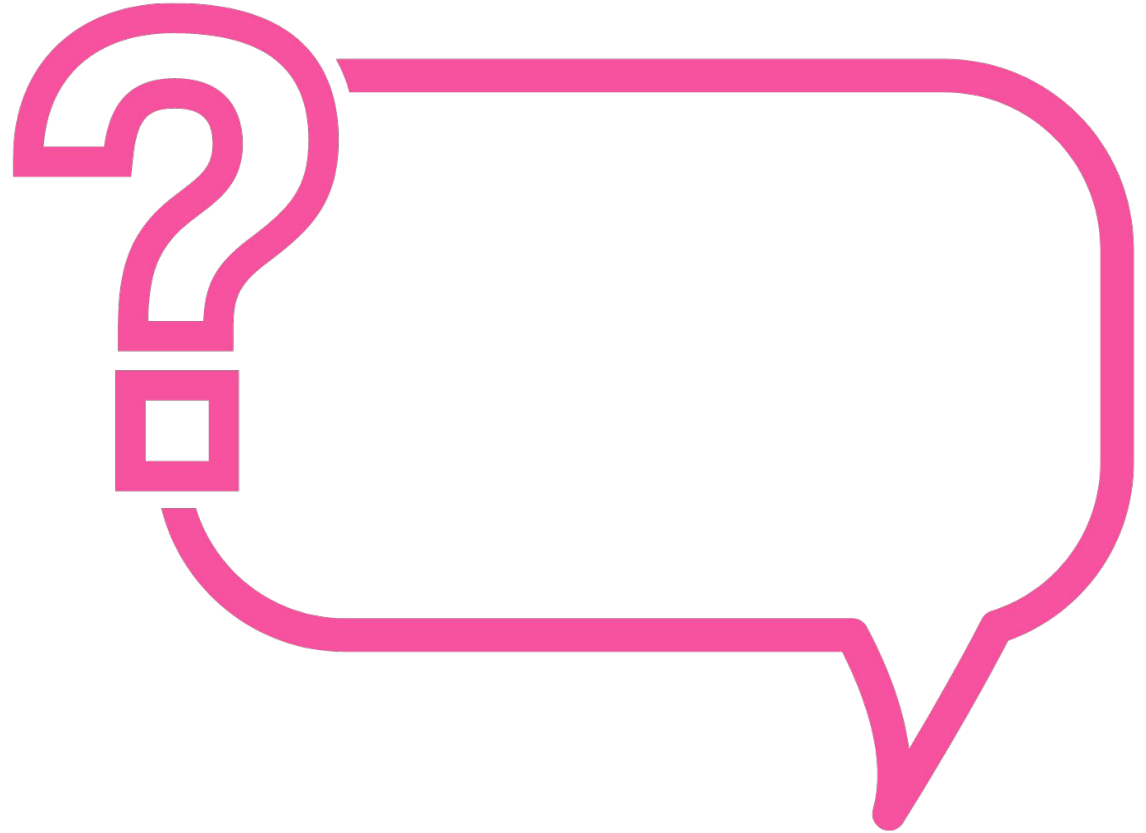
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<b>APPRENTICES</b> <b>BECOME AN APPRENTICE</b> Everything you need to know about becoming an apprentice <a href="#">LEARN MORE</a>	<b>EMPLOYERS</b> <b>HIRE AN APPRENTICE</b> Find out how to hire an apprentice and what you need to do <a href="#">LEARN MORE</a>	<b>APPLICANTS</b> <b>INSPIRE AND INFLUENCE</b> Guidance and information to help you support the apprentices of tomorrow <a href="#">LEARN MORE</a>
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[Apprenticeships.gov.uk](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)



**Any questions**



# What do I need to do? My advice to the student

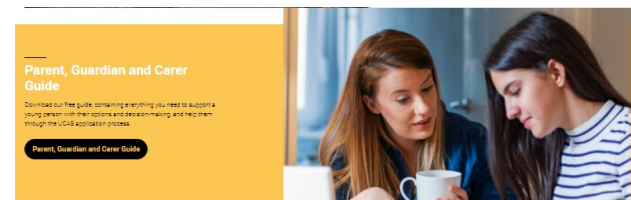
Start researching - online, ask Year 13s, speak to your teachers

Start the conversation- with peers, family, teachers...

Work **with** us- get organised- plan visits, keep to deadlines-they are there for a reason

Keep working- in your subjects (grades are your currency in, NWD, extra- curricular and self development)

Explore all options- it is important to know what you don't want to do as much as what you do want to do

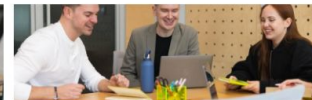


## Alternatives to uni



### Alternatives to uni

Going to uni or doing an apprenticeship are both great options. When making your plans, it's important to weigh up all options and make the right long-term decision.



### Apprenticeship guide

Head of an apprenticeship but not sure what it's all about? We share what you need to know and practical tips for supporting someone who might be thinking about an apprenticeship.

## Researching their options



### Planning their future

It's important students start considering their postsecondary plans early - read our advice on where to start.



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If your child decides university is the right path for them, there's still a lot of research to do. With approximately 85,000 undergraduate courses to choose from.




### UCAS terms explained

We use quite a few terms in the application process. We've explained them all here. If you need to check university means.

[ADVICE FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS](#)

# Useful Links:

## [ADVICE FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS](#)



**Parent, Guardian and Carer Guide**

Download our free guide, containing everything you need to support a young person with their options and decision-making, and help them through the UCAS application process.

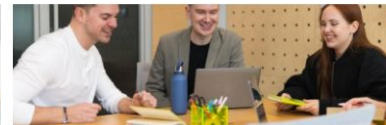
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