

UNSTED PARK SCHOOL

Careers Newsletter

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A Date for the Diary

National Apprenticeship Week 2021 is
8th – 14th February.

This is a week to highlight the ever – expanding area of apprenticeships. By shining a light on all the possibilities that are open to students we aim to encourage them to explore this career option in more detail.

Welcome to the first edition of Unsted Park School's half-termly Careers Newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to share useful resources, forthcoming events and news about the world of work.

This half-term we celebrate apprenticeships with **National Apprenticeship Week.**

In normal circumstances we would be taking our students to visit the National Apprenticeship Show, giving them the opportunity to interact with a variety of employers. Although due to current circumstances a visit is not possible, students can experience the *virtual* National Apprenticeship Show on **February 10th 11am-6pm:**
<https://nas.vfairs.com/>



Further Information:

The "Amazing Apprenticeships" website contains a wealth of resources for students and parents alike, from booklets and posters to videos:

www.amazingapprenticeships.com



Let's Focus On...

Apprenticeships

On an apprenticeship, you are employed to do a real job while studying for a formal qualification – usually for a day a week at a college or a training centre.

What you'll learn depends on the role you are applying for. However, apprentices in **every** role follow an approved study programme, which means you'll gain a nationally-recognised qualification at the end of your apprenticeship PLUS gain hands-on experience.

Qualifications you could gain include:

Functional Skills
National Vocational Qualifications
Technical Certificates (BTEC, City & Guilds etc.)
Academic qualifications (Higher National Certificate, Higher National Diploma etc.)

Apprenticeship levels:

There are four different levels of apprenticeship:

Intermediate – equivalent to five good GCSE passes

Advanced – equivalent to two A-level passes

Higher – equivalent to the first stages of higher education, such as a degree

Degree – comparable to a Bachelor's or Master's degree

Apprenticeship types:

Most job sectors offer apprenticeships with a wide range of specific roles on offer within each.

Age:

You need to be aged sixteen or above to apply.

Pay:

If under nineteen the minimum you will receive is £4.15 per hour; many employers will pay more.

Entry requirements:

Though there will be variations, generally speaking these are:

For intermediate: you just need to be aged 16+

For advanced: you will need at least three 9-4 grade GCSE's and possibly some prior experience

For higher: at least five 9-4 grade GCSE's as well as some Level 3 qualifications in relevant subjects

For degree: three A-levels in a specified grade range on top of at least five 9-5 grade GCSE's. You may also need prior work experience.

Duration:

Intermediate: 12-18 months

Advanced: generally two years

Higher & degree: 3-6 years

Kind regards,

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"The best way of learning about anything is by doing" Richard Branson