

Parents and Carers' Pack

Helping your child to search and apply for apprenticeships



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Welcome

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Department for Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

The February issue of the Parents and Carers' Pack is always an exciting one because we can bring you some of the highlights of National Apprenticeship Week, the biggest week in the apprenticeship calendar! It took place from 5th to the 11th February and was the most eventful yet.

Also in this issue we bring you the new higher and degree apprenticeship vacancy listing, a bumper list of more than 1500 level 4-7 apprenticeship vacancies that your child could apply for now if they are ready.

In addition, we look at apprenticeships in teaching, logistics, functional skills qualifications, and an interesting way to talk to your child about career pathways.



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Apprentice insight: Life as an apprentice at CPW

Meet Ryan, a level 4 Building services engineering senior technician apprentice at CPW



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Tell us a bit about your role.

I joined CPW in September 2022 as a trainee electrical design engineer, where my role is to develop efficient, compliant and sustainable electrical systems within buildings for a multitude of sectors.

What made you choose this career path?

I chose Building Services Engineering as a career path as I appreciated the importance of the work and was keen to help tackle the challenge of achieving net zero carbon buildings by 2050, and working towards building a better future.

What is a typical day or week like in your role?

Every day is different at CPW, it could be working with my team on designing and coordinating projects, attending design team meetings, going on site visits with our site engineers or attending networking events. A large portion of our working week as an apprentice at CPW is design work on various projects. Our work is very collaborative and we coordinate with different disciplines such as mechanical and public health engineers, as well as liaising with clients and architects.

As apprentices, we are given independence and the opportunity to engineer solutions, while being mentored by experts in the field on how to improve and learn from our initial designs. I also attend many client and design team meetings which bring together all elements of a project to discuss project progress and overcome potential design problems. Apprentices at CPW also attend college once a week, with learning catered to our discipline.

How did you find your apprenticeship?

During my last year at school, I discovered degree apprenticeships and saw it as a very involved and hands-on way to gain a degree. I had achieved two A*s and one A in my A-levels and had some great university offers but gaining industry experience and obtaining my degree alongside it, without incurring debt, made far more sense to me.

I heard about CPW's apprenticeship scheme from a family friend who worked there. He had been through

the scheme himself, eventually progressing to Director level, and spoke very highly of the scheme. I researched the company further and liked their clear, research-led design approach and their drive to be more sustainable engineers. It seemed like a great way to do my part to help with the climate crisis by designing energy-efficient sustainable buildings, while being well supported in my professional development.

How is your apprenticeship delivered?

Our training is delivered via remote learning by Bradford College. Every Wednesday, we attend online lectures catered to our associated disciplines. In terms of balancing work and studying, we often stay behind or meet prior to work beginning to discuss our assignments with other trainees or our work mentors who overlook our progress and aid where necessary. As well as a mentor, at CPW we also have fantastic support from our Training and Development Coordinator who works closely with the college and helps to keep us on track for our qualifications.

Our cohort also visited Bradford to meet the lecturers, gain some practical experience and spend time together which was a great bonding experience for us trainees.

Is there anyone that inspires you in your career?

One of my main inspirations is my father who started on the factory floor of a manufacturing company as a young apprentice and worked his way up to become the Managing Director and owner. My ultimate goal would be to grow and progress as high as possible within my company and help shape its future.

Have you had any standout moments in your apprenticeship?

So far, my proudest moment is being awarded second place in my category at the CIBSE Young Engineers Awards in 2023.



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What would your advice be to students and parents about apprenticeships?

For students who enjoy working collaboratively, are seeking industry experience and also looking to obtain a degree, degree apprenticeships are a fantastic route. You are able to learn technical knowledge and immediately apply it, whilst being able to ask questions to the senior engineers – it is a very quick and engaging way to learn. Not to mention you will be earning alongside this and internally progressing in a strong company with great potential. As apprentices in building services, we also get to work towards our chartership with the Chartered Institution of Building Service Engineers (CIBSE) right from the beginning, with the help of our support team – this puts you at a real advantage.

What is the social side of being an apprentice like?

One key part of apprenticeships is the like-minded individuals you meet on the way. The apprentices in our year are all very close and it's great to have people to talk to and work with as you progress. Our working life is great in that sense, as we all tackle challenges together, assist each other's development and also get to go on social events together.

To search for apprenticeship opportunities visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



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CPW is a friendly team of mechanical and electrical engineers, intent on bringing sustainable buildings to life through design. The consultancy has more than 300 staff based across 13 offices in Birmingham, Bristol, Derby, Huntingdon, Leeds, Leicester, London, Manchester, Nottingham, Oxford, and Solihull, as well as Poland and India.

CPW has accumulated expertise across many sectors including Healthcare, Education, Residential, Commercial,

Infrastructure, Pharmaceutical, Blue Light, Sustainability and the Public Sector and specialises in designing and integrating a full range of energy solutions into existing and new buildings. Using innovative and contemporary engineering techniques, the company aims to deliver cutting edge sustainable solutions that are not only energy efficient but are both financially and environmentally sustainable for clients.

Established in 1978, CPW's passion for delivering buildings using innovation, creativity and technical expertise was the founding philosophy of the company's founders, and this is a philosophy that has endured to the present day.



Find out more about CPW here:
<https://www.cpw.com/>



Find out more about the CPW apprenticeship scheme here:
<https://www.cpw.com/apprenticeships>



CPW apprenticeship vacancies are listed in the brand new Higher and Degree Listing, which launched on 31st January. Find out more about the Higher and Degree Listing on page 18 and download the listing itself here: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing/>



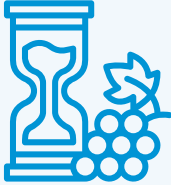




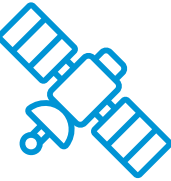
Apprenticeships uncovered

Keep up to date with apprenticeship opportunities

Apprenticeships are continually created and released through The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. The list below focuses on the [Engineering and manufacturing](#) route and includes some apprenticeships you may not have considered before. You can find out more on The Institute website: www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards

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Food and drink engineer		<p>Food and drink engineers maintain, manage and install a diverse range of specialist equipment and technology used in the manufacture of food and drink products. Their role combines engineering competence with an understanding of the principles of food safety, science and technology and their focus is on managing, maintaining and continuously improving existing assets.</p>	Level 5
Human factors specialist		<p>Human factors specialists make systems, products, tasks, jobs, organisations and work environments better for their intended users. The role involves the application of scientific information about the capabilities of human beings to the design of equipment, working practices, organisations and working environments in order to make people's jobs safer, more efficient and more productive.</p>	Level 7
Power industry substation fitter		<p>Substation fitters work in the power industry for power network owners, operators, or contractors. They work in and around substations. A substation is a part of an electrical generation, transmission, and distribution system. Substations transform voltage from high to low, or the reverse, and other important functions. Substation maintenance fitters inspect, test and maintain substation equipment, earthing and batteries, and carry out repairs.</p>	Level 3
Print operative		<p>Print operatives assist in the production of a printed product or component onto both paper and other materials in the printing, packaging, creative and design industries. Products could include magazines, newspaper, books, posters, packaging, signs, calendars, greeting cards, passports, banknotes, and credit cards, among many others. Print operatives read and understand work instructions, use relevant print equipment, carry out checks, update paperwork and check the product meets the specification.</p>	Level 2
Robotics engineer		<p>Robotics engineers specify, design, build, program and test robotic systems or solutions intended to do automated jobs in industries including manufacturing, construction, logistics, aerospace and medicine, as well as robots that interact with people and operate autonomously in public spaces and warehouses.</p>	Level 6
Space engineering technician		<p>Space engineering technicians support the development, manufacturing, assembly, integration and testing of complex, high value space hardware and ground-based equipment. For example, satellite mechanical structures, and subsystems for in-space power generation and distribution, spacecraft attitude control, thermal control, rocket propulsion, space communication, sensors, planetary landers, and associated support systems.</p>	Level 4

National Apprenticeship Week 2024

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The biggest week in the apprenticeship calendar



National Apprenticeship Week 2024, in its 17th year, was a huge success this month. The positive impact apprenticeships bring to employers, individuals, and the economy were discussed, promoted and celebrated, with the theme of Skills for Life. There were many highlights of the week and here are just a few!

Events took place across the country – in person at schools, colleges, event spaces and companies and also virtually across a host of different platforms.



Visit <https://naw.appawards.co.uk/events> later in the year to find out what is happening next year near you.



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The Big Assembly is a live assembly broadcast, shown to over 100,000 people across the UK, that took place on the Tuesday of National Apprenticeship Week. It's the place to be to learn all about apprenticeships from a variety of different perspectives, including former and current apprentices, employers of apprentices, parents, education providers, and much more.



You can watch a recording of it here: <https://bigassembly.org/on-demand/>



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Amazing Apprenticeships released a special episode of The Parent Perspective Podcast to mark the start of National Apprenticeship Week 2024.

Rachel Burden is joined by Anna Morrison from Amazing Apprenticeships and, after one year in the job, **Minister for Skills, Apprenticeships and Higher Education, Robert Halfon**.

Listen to the episode here: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/>



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The BBC launched a new series of content to coincide with National Apprenticeship Week:

- **Videos** – hear from apprentices working at well-known UK attractions Madame Tussauds London, The London Eye, and Chessington World of Adventures, and bust apprenticeship myths with former apprentice, Chanise Evans.
- **Video podcast** – join Radio 1 presenter Katie Thistleton on The Bitesize Careers Podcast to hear from big name guests, inspiring apprentices and top careers experts who'll help you figure out your ideal path.
- **Quizzes** – figure out the best potential future pathway for you with our Apprenticeship, university or work quiz.
- **Articles** – get answers to key apprenticeships questions with our apprenticeships FAQ article. From “What is an apprenticeship?” to “How much do apprentices get paid?”, we've got you covered with answers tailored to each of the four UK nations (England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland).



Find everything here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/groups/cm5m6rkdwyvt>



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The Parents' Guide to Apprenticeships - for NAW 2024 and beyond

The Parents' Guide To have released a free guide for parents and carers to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week! The guide is for NAW and beyond, and includes information on:

- Types of apprenticeships
- Apprenticeship levels and educational routes
- The pros and cons of taking an apprenticeship
- Where to find an apprenticeship
- The top ten apprenticeship employers in England

You can download the guide here:

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/nationalapprenticeshipweek/groups/cm5m6rkdwyvt>



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Where to look on social media for NAW content: #NAW2024 @Apprenticeships @AmazingAppsUK

Life as a journalism apprentice at the BBC

Meet Jonathan, a level 5 journalism apprentice, and find out about the BBC Young Reporter Competition



Tell us about your apprenticeship.

I am on the journalism fast track scheme in the BBC News political team in Westminster, which is a national newsroom, however other journalism

apprentices work in local newsrooms all over the UK. The scheme is 18 months long.

How did you find your apprenticeship and were you successful straight away?

I found my apprenticeship on the BBC website. I would look at the jobs on the BBC Job board all the time! Before I got the job, I had previously applied three times. Every time I got that rejection email, I would look at my application and figure out how I could make it better than it was. I also got more experience by volunteering at different media outlets and the knowledge I gained helped to make my application stand out and be noticed.

Did you always want to be a journalist?

I always knew that I wanted to either be in musical theatre or journalism, and I originally pursued musical theatre as this was what I loved to do most, but after an accident I decided that I didn't want to follow this line of work. When I started rethinking my career plans, I realised that it was definitely a career in journalism that I wanted to pursue.



My interest in journalism began at school, when I took part in BBC School Report, now known as BBC Young Reporter. Along with my classmates, I produced a news programme, taking on the role of main presenter. At this point I knew that this was something I wanted to continue with, and that's what I've done!

What is a typical working day like for you?

In news there is not really a typical day! However, it always starts off with a meeting looking at the top stories and this is where we talk about who is going to cover what and how we can cover it. After this, as an apprentice, I will often shadow a senior staff member or work on my own ideas. The great thing about it is you can ask as many questions as you want and people will pour their knowledge out. You then really understand how you can make your idea/story well rounded. In addition to this we have one day a week as a study day.

How does the learning part of your apprenticeship work?

The learning part of my apprenticeship is delivered on the study day by our training provider, the Press Association (PA), who are the national news agency for the United Kingdom and Ireland. I am one of 24 apprentices who joined in September and we are based all over the U.K. However, we see each other virtually and sometimes in person when we have training with the PA. At the end of the apprenticeship, I will gain a Level 5 NCTJ (National Council for the Training of Journalists) Diploma in Journalism.



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What do you want to do in the future?

I am motivated by telling people's stories and broadening people's knowledge. My ultimate goal is to be a correspondent and an anchor. I hope to also be able to do documentaries as well!

What would your advice be to students, parents and carers about apprenticeships?

I think apprenticeships are the new way to study. University is not for everyone, and the style of learning can be less engaging for some people. With an apprenticeship you're learning and also in that same day or week you're seeing what you've learned in practice, which for me makes everything make much more sense.

Would you encourage others to pursue a career in journalism?

Now that I am a BBC staff member it is brilliant to be able to support the Early Careers team, share my experience and encourage other people to engage in journalism, for instance through the annual **BBC Young Reporter Competition**, which is a way anyone aged 11-18 across the UK can submit an original story idea and potentially report it with the BBC



Find out more about apprenticeships with the BBC here:

https://careers.bbc.co.uk/content/EC_Schemes-on-Offer/?locale=en_GB



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BBC Young Reporter Competition (closes 24th March)

If your child is aged between 11-18 and interested in a career in journalism, they could enter the BBC Young Reporter competition just like Jonathan did! The 2024 competition is open for entries now.

The competition is the annual opportunity for 11-18 year olds across the UK to suggest their original story ideas to the BBC – what are the issues and subjects that really matter to them and their generation that they think need to be reported about more? Perhaps they have personal stories or experiences or are involved in interesting initiatives and local activities that would interest a wider audience? Their news, their way!

Winners will have their stories broadcast on the BBC and you can find out more details here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-68123053>



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Story ideas should be submitted online at www.bbc.co.uk/youngreportercompetition by 24 March 2024.



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Information about the year round BBC Young Reporter media literacy activities are available via www.bbc.co.uk/youngreporter



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Apprenticeships at Tesco

Find out about the exciting launch of the Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship programme



Tesco have recently announced the launch of their new **Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship programme**, as part of their commitment to help young people achieve a stronger start in life.

These opportunities are part of Tesco's **Stronger Starts** campaign to support the communities in which it operates. Thousands of school children across the UK are already benefitting from a £5m grants programme that helps schools that lack resources to pay for nutritious food for pupils and play equipment to keep children active. **Stronger Starts** is one of the few apprenticeship programmes that doesn't require any qualifications or experience as entry requirements. After completing the programme, apprentices gain a Level 2 National Standard in Retail, which is the equivalent of 5 GCSE passes.

The apprenticeship is delivered by Tesco's partner, Lifetime Training, and will take a minimum of 12 months to complete. The programme will include a blend of learning activities and hands-on experience on the shop floor. Those joining without a GCSE pass or equivalent in maths and English will gain these during the programme.

The transition from education to the world of work can be daunting, so Tesco have a network of people to support apprentices every step of the way, including expert 1-1 pastoral support from the Prince's Trust, a dedicated Lifetime apprenticeship coach as well as the store teams.

**Salary:**

minimum starting salary £20,629.44
(36 hours per week)

Holiday allowance:

20 days pro rata plus a personal day –
rising to 22 days after 12 months
(plus Bank Holiday)

What you need:

No qualifications required

Location:

Birmingham, Hertfordshire, Leeds, Liverpool,
London, Manchester, Sheffield

Start date:

23rd September 2024

Applications for the Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship open in June, but to mark National Apprenticeship Week, young people can register their interest to find out more here:

<https://www.tesco-programmes.com/apprenticeships/stronger-starts-retail/>



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Higher Technical Qualifications

Join this webinar especially for parents and carers to find out about these exciting qualifications

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) are new and existing level 4 and 5 qualifications such as HNCs, HNDs and Foundation Degrees that have been approved against employer-developed standards for specific job roles. HTQs are developed against a rigorous set of occupational standards, ensuring that employers, and individual students, can access high quality training and have confidence that they are developing the skills that they need.

If your child is looking for a post-18 qualification that is flexible, job-focussed and an excellent way to progress to a higher/degree apprenticeship, a full degree or a highly-skilled job, join this webinar with the Department for Education HTQs team and Amazing Apprenticeships on **Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 6:00pm** to find out:

- What are HTQs?
- Where are HTQs available?
- How and when do you apply for HTQs?
- How does the funding work?
- Where could a HTQ lead to?
- Where can you find out more?

Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nzJkYxhpRXWcrrxlvqP1mA#/registration



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If you can't attend live, please register anyway and a recording and the slides will be sent to you after the webinar.



Find out more about HTQs here:
<https://preview.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-your-education-and-training-choices/higher-technical>



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Find HTQs resources here:
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/?htqs=1>



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Functional Skills

Qualifications needed if you don't have English or maths at GCSE grade 4



Can you progress through the levels?

Once learners have completed one level of a Functional Skills Qualification, they can progress onto the next level. After level 1 and 2, learners can choose to study further or progress into employment or vocational training.

How are Functional Skills assessed?

All Functional Skills assessments are graded as either pass or fail. There aren't any coursework or portfolio-based elements, and the qualification result is based solely on exam papers. For entry-level qualifications, papers are assessed internally. Level 1 and 2 exams can be taken online or as paper-based assessments. The online exams can be taken on demand whenever the learner feels ready, but paper exams must be completed when the awarding body sets dates.

Does my child need to do Functional Skills qualifications as part of an apprenticeship?

If your child doesn't have GCSE English or maths at grade 4 or above, they would need to achieve Functional Skills qualifications during their apprenticeship in order to complete it. For level 2 apprenticeships, level 1 Functional Skills is required and for level 3 apprenticeships, level 2 Functional Skills is required.

What if my child has an Education, Health and Care plan (EHC plan) or statement of learning difficulties assessment (LDA)?

Those with an EHCP or LDA undertaking a level 2 apprenticeship can work towards and pass the lower level of functional skills English and maths at entry level 3.

What are functional skills qualifications?

Functional Skills qualifications assess English and maths skills and are designed to help prepare people with the skills they may need in their working lives.

What levels are there?

Functional Skills qualification	GCSE equivalence
Entry Level 1	Below GCSE level
Entry Level 2	
Entry Level 3	
Level 1	Equivalent to GCSE grades 1-3
Level 2	Equivalent to GCSE grade 4



Apprenticeships in Logistics

Generation Logistics explain the routes

Logistics, as an industry, serves as the lifeblood that keeps the world in motion, acting as an essential force connecting every corner of the globe. It encompasses everything and anything, ensuring goods and services reach every part of the economy, from manufacturers and hospitals to homes, shops and schools.






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noun

the detailed planning and organisation of any large complex operation.
 “the logistics of a large-scale rock show demand certain necessities”

Embarking on an apprenticeship in logistics isn't just a job choice; it's an entryway into a dynamic and fulfilling career that could last a lifetime. It's not just about one job – it covers a wide range of roles spanning a huge array of different skills and interests, ranging from Transportation and Warehousing right the way through to Finance, Human Resources (HR) and Digital Tech. Suiting a wide range of skill sets, these roles combine to build the intricate web – known as the supply chain - that connects products to consumers on a global scale.

Professionals in logistics play a pivotal role in ensuring the smooth and efficient movement of goods. Their work extends beyond the vehicles which move things to playing an active part in the overall success of businesses, helping them to adapt to the ever-changing demands of businesses and consumers. This requires collaboration with diverse teams and learning new skills, adept navigation of international regulations, and active participation in the optimization of global and local trade networks.

 <p>Adaptability</p>	 <p>Problem-solving skills</p>	 <p>Meticulous attention to details</p>	 <p>Industry knowledge</p>	 <p>Communication skills</p>
 <p>Teamwork</p>	 <p>Leadership</p>	 <p>Accountability</p>	 <p>Organisation skills</p>	

Whether orchestrating the coordination of shipments, optimising intricate supply chains, or managing complex inventories, individuals within the logistics sector are the driving force behind the seamless flow of goods from production facilities to final delivery destinations.

Completing a logistics apprenticeship will provide your child with a comprehensive understanding of supply chain dynamics, interconnected knowledge, and valuable hands-on experience, which are all very transferable skills. Undertaking an apprenticeship cultivates diverse skills, enhances employability, and fosters professional confidence, laying a solid foundation for a successful career in logistics with networking opportunities and the ability to earn while learning.

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Why not take the **Generation Logistics quiz with your child, encouraging them to consider what their perfect role within this industry could look like?**

The quiz can be found at: <https://generationlogistics.org/find-your-future/> the opportunities available could surprise you.



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Find out more about careers in logistics here: <https://generationlogistics.org/>



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The level three **International freight forwarding apprenticeship** is a logistics apprenticeship that has been identified by the Department for Education as a great opportunity for those looking for their first role after leaving full-time education. Find out more here: <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/freight-forwarding-specialist>



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Talking to your child about career pathways

Is watching TV together the answer?



New research reveals as many as 60% of teens say they are inspired by careers they see portrayed in TV shows. Favourites such as *The Great British Bake Off*, *Grey's Anatomy* and *Stranger Things* all feature in the top 10 for 14 – 19 year olds when it comes to inspiring their career choices and sparking their interest in the career pathways available to them.

If you struggle to find the right moment to talk to your child about their future options, you could join the 30% of parents/carers who admit to taking the opportunity to cover more serious topics whilst gathering on the sofa together with their teens and watching their favourite TV shows. It may not be the most obvious setting for such topics, however, it could be the most fitting, because both parents/carers and teens alike believe watching TV together helps them feel most connected. What's more, the 'Gogglebox effect', in which people talk about what they are watching, will likely prompt more conversations around careers and the many routes in, as inspirational jobs are portrayed on the screen.

SKILLS FOR LIFE

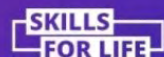
The Department for Education's Skills for Life campaign is encouraging parents/carers and teens to make the most of time already spent together watching their favourite shows, to take this inspiration and strike up conversations about the full range of education and training choices, including the technical pathways on offer such as T Levels, Apprenticeships and Higher Technical Qualifications.

Young MasterChef judge and Michelin-trained chef, Poppy O'Toole, is advocating for the campaign and said she loves the idea that her story, and involvement in shows such as Young MasterChef, might inspire others to explore careers they may have otherwise thought were off the table for them.



I wish I knew about the many different education and training routes available to me when I was younger. It just goes to show the importance of finding the best option for you and exploring some of the less traditional routes to getting the skills you need.

Poppy O'Toole
Young MasterChef judge
Michelin-trained Chef



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Many parents and carers surveyed may feel they do not know enough to start a useful discussion about future options.

Addressing this point, careers adviser Hannah Grabham from National Careers Service says,

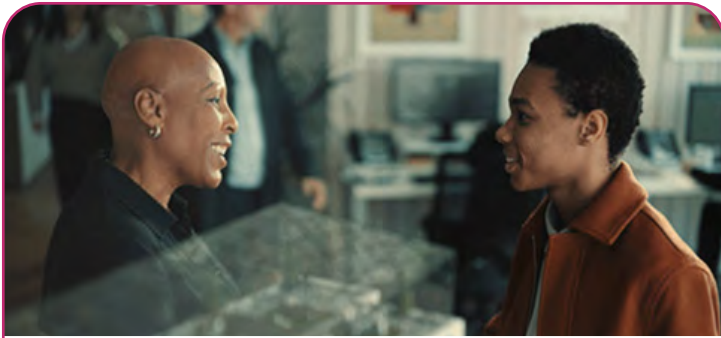
“When it comes to careers and understanding of post-16 and post-18 education routes, parents and carers are not expected to have all the answers. What’s most important is to be open to exploring all available routes, including those that may feel unfamiliar, in order to find the route that will best enable their child to succeed.

Technical education and training pathways, such as T Levels, apprenticeships and Higher Technical Qualifications, for example, may feel less familiar than other academic routes. However these courses offer great experience in their chosen sector.”

The Department for Education’s Skills for Life campaign helps young people aged 14-19, and their parents and carers, explore their education and training choices including T Levels, apprenticeships and Higher Technical Qualifications.

Start exploring your next steps

Today’s the day to start exploring skills and careers information. You can look at your qualification and training options or get career ideas that would suit you.



Young people

If you’re in education or just about to leave, you can get help working out your options.



Adults

View your choices for learning skills that will help you change or progress your career.

Visit the website here:

<https://www.skillsforcareers.education.gov.uk/pages/skills-for-life>



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If you’d like to speak with someone directly, you can speak with a National Careers Service adviser free of charge. To find out more, visit:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us>



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Teacher Degree Apprenticeship (TDA)

A brand-new route



Trainee teachers will soon be able to gain a degree through an apprenticeship, instead of through the traditional university route into the profession, announced Gillian Keegan, Secretary of State for Education during National Apprenticeships Week.

Degree apprenticeships are growing in popularity as they offer the chance for people to earn while they learn and gain a degree without student debt. They are already on offer in professions including nursing, law and even space engineering, and a new Teacher Degree Apprenticeship (TDA) will soon become available.

The TDA will enable schools across the country to recruit thousands more teachers into classrooms and will open opportunities for more people to get into teaching.

The new apprenticeship will be offered alongside the university route, so aspirational teachers will be able to choose the path that works best for them.



What are Teacher Degree Apprenticeships?

Normally, teacher training courses require candidates to already have a degree to be eligible. With a TDA, apprentices work in a school while they gain qualified teacher status (QTS), which you need in order to teach in most schools

in England. At the same time, they'll be studying for a degree. It means trainees won't take on student debt and will earn while they learn, supporting those who may not have the financial means to do a traditional university-based teacher training programme.

Who will the Teacher Degree Apprenticeship be for?

It will be available for people to train as both primary and secondary teachers.

When can I apply for a Teacher Degree Apprenticeship?

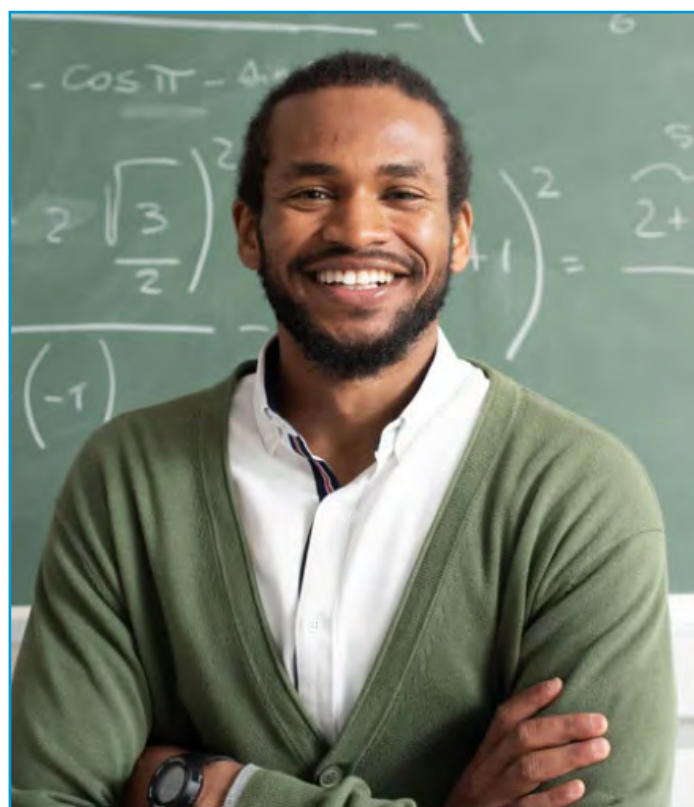
Subject to final approval, schools will be able to start recruiting apprentices from autumn 2024, with the first trainees beginning the programme in 2025.

How do I apply for a Teacher Degree Apprenticeship?

We expect applications to open from autumn 2024 for training to start in autumn 2025.

Who is eligible and what qualifications do I need?

The TDA will be available both to those beginning their careers and those currently in employment who are interested in pursuing a career in teaching, including teaching assistants and career changers. Candidates won't need to already have a degree. Further information on eligibility criteria will be provided at a later date.



Teacher Degree Apprenticeship (TDA)

Brand new route into teaching is on the way!



How much will trainees earn?

Trainees will start working in the classroom from day one. As they develop skills to become excellent teachers, they will gradually scale up their teaching practice. Salaries will reflect trainee responsibilities at each stage of their course. Details of exact earnings will be announced at a later date. On top of receiving a salary, their training and qualifications will be fully funded.

How is this different to other teaching qualifications?

Currently, except for fee-funded undergraduate initial teacher training, all routes into teaching require trainees to already have a degree or undertake full time, fee-funded study.

The TDA will be an exciting and unique route into teaching that builds on the existing Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship (PGTA) and will be the only route that provides a salary as well as the training to get both a degree and QTS.

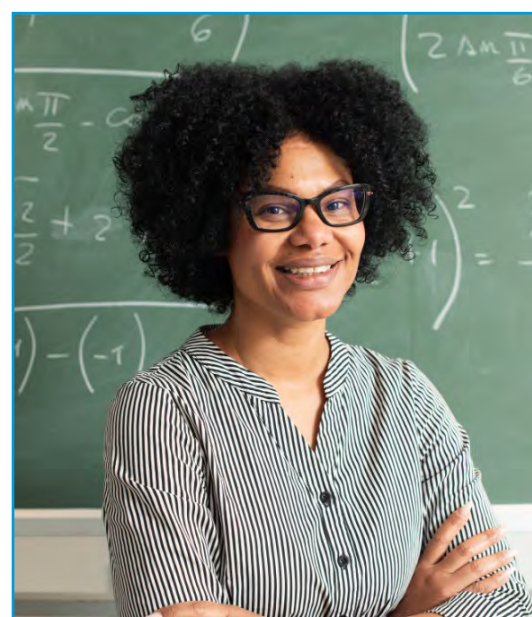
Will this lower teaching standards?

No. On completion, TDA trainees will have the same qualifications as someone who has qualified as a teacher through any other teacher training route.

This doesn't mean trainees will be treated as qualified teachers from the beginning. They will work under supervision at an appropriate level that is suitable to their stage of training.

What other routes are there into teaching?

There are several routes to gaining QTS, including through university study, school-led training, or charitable organisations like Teach First.



Find out more about these routes via Get Into Teaching:
<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/train-to-be-a-teacher>



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Higher and Degree Vacancy Listing

Highlighting apprentice opportunities at level 4 and above

The Higher and Degree Vacancy Listing is a bi-annual publication featuring apprenticeship opportunities at level 4 and above. The latest edition launched on 31st January and highlights 1500+ roles from a wide range of employers across the country including Dunelm, Lloyds Banking Group, the Met Office, the British Army and Kids Planet Day Nurseries, recruiting for a 2024 start. If your child is considering a higher or degree level apprenticeship they will find the listing an invaluable source of information as it includes vacancy locations, salary details and direct application links.



What are higher and degree apprenticeships?

Higher apprenticeships range from level 4 to 7 and are equivalent to a foundation degree up to a Master's. They are a suitable option for progression from a level 3 qualification (e.g. advanced apprenticeships, A-levels, T Levels or BTECs).

Degree apprenticeships are available at level 6 (equivalent to a full bachelor's degree) and level 7 (postgraduate, equivalent to a Master's). Both higher and degree apprenticeships combine work with study and may include a work-based, academic or combined qualification, or a professional qualification relevant to the industry.

Can my child apply for a higher or degree apprenticeship whilst also applying to university?

Yes, your child can apply for apprenticeships whilst also submitting a UCAS application for full-time university study. This allows them to keep their options open while they consider their preferred route. Unlike the limit of five applications on UCAS, there is no limit to the number of

apprenticeship applications your child can make, as long as it is manageable for them.

Who pays the tuition fees when your child completes a higher or degree apprenticeship?

Tuition fees are paid for by your child's employer and/or the Government. They will be learning whilst earning a salary from day one.



Download the Higher & Degree listing in PDF format here:
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing/>



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For a full list of live apprenticeship vacancies browse the government website at:
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A quick guide to T Level subjects

A look at the subjects available



T Levels are post-16 technical qualifications taken after GCSEs, and a high-quality alternative to A-levels. One T Level is roughly equivalent in size to three A-levels. They are two-year programmes with 80% of that time spent in the classroom, and 20% on a minimum nine-week industry placement with an employer.

Here we take a look at all the different T Level subjects your child could study.

Which subjects are available at T Level?

There are currently 18 T Level courses with more T Levels planned in 2024 and 2025.

Courses available now:

Agriculture, Land Management and Production

Building Services Engineering for Construction
Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction
Onsite Construction

Digital Business Services
Digital Production, Design and Development
Digital Support Services

Education and Early Years

Health
Healthcare Science
Science

Engineering and Manufacturing Design and Development
Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control
Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing

Management and Administration

Accounting
Finance
Legal Services

Courses available from September 2024:

Animal Care and Management

Craft and Design
Media, Broadcast and Production

Courses available from September 2025:

Marketing



Find out more about T Level here:
<https://www.tlevels.gov.uk>



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Dates for your diary

Free webinars throughout the year for careers staff, teachers and parents/carers

As part of the Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge for Schools and Colleges programme (ASK), Amazing Apprenticeships are offering careers staff, teachers and parents/carers a schedule of free webinars throughout the year, to find out more about apprenticeships and how to support your child.



This series of informative webinars will provide an abundance of tips, advice and information from expert speakers across the apprenticeships and technical education world. Each webinar lasts for 30 minutes and will take place on Zoom. Participants are required to sign up before the session and will receive an email confirmation and a reminder an hour before it begins. The webinars will be recorded and shared with all registrants after the session, so please register even if you can't attend on the day so you can catch up later.

Book your free place and catch up on recordings of all previous webinars here:
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How to find and apply for apprenticeships	Thursday 29th February 2024 3:30pm	A step-by-step guide to the different vacancy platforms for apprenticeships, including Find an Apprenticeship, and tips for the application process.
How to impress in the application process	Thursday 21st March 2024 3:30pm	Want some top tips from current apprentices and apprentice employers? Hear directly about the best ways to impress in the apprenticeship recruitment process.
How to research and apply for HTQs	Wednesday 24th April 2024 6:00pm	If your child is looking for a post-18 qualification that is flexible, job-focussed and an excellent way to progress to a higher/degree apprenticeship, a full degree or a highly-skilled job, join us to find out more about HTQs.
		
Everything you need to know – Spring term round-up	Thursday 25th April 2024 3.30pm	This termly update is the second in a series of key information webinars for teachers and careers leaders. Expert speakers from Amazing Apprenticeships and the DfE will highlight what's new in technical education and apprenticeships and will cover any recent changes in policy and funding.
Why T Levels are a fantastic choice	Thursday 16th May 2024 3:30pm	Join this webinar to hear directly from T Level students about their T Level journeys and why they are an excellent option.
		
Apprentice stories	Thursday 23rd May 2024 3:30pm	Hear from real life apprentices who will share their experiences of being an apprentice, how they found their vacancy, what a typical day looks like and the benefits of doing an apprenticeship.

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2024

How to promote and support apprenticeships and technical education in your school or college.

Thursday 20th June 2024
3:30pm

Top tips and ideas for promoting apprenticeships and technical education, and supporting students, parents, carers and staff to understand the options.

Everything you need to know – Summer term round-up

Thursday 11th July 2024
3:30pm

This termly update is the third in a series of key information webinars for teachers and careers leaders. Expert speakers from Amazing Apprenticeships and the DfE will highlight what's new in technical education and apprenticeships and will cover any recent changes in policy and funding.

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