

Welcome to our Introduction to Post 18 Choices



What we will cover

- Higher Education and the UCAS process
 - Gap Years
- Degree and Higher Apprenticeships

Why Higher Education?

- Essential for some career paths.
- Develop new transferable skills and subject knowledge.
- Increase your confidence and independence.
- Broaden your experiences.
- Show yourself what you can do.
- Invest in your future.

Types of University Course

- Single: study one subject.
- Joint honours degree: divide your time 50:50 between two subjects.
- Major/minor: study two subjects, normally at a 75:25 ratio.
- Combined honours programme: study between two to four subjects, specialising in just two subjects in years two and three.
- Modular courses: build a personalised course by choosing modules you're interested in.
- Sandwich courses: courses with one year in industry or a year abroad.
- Foundation year: if you don't have the right qualifications, some universities and colleges offer this to help students prepare for and enter higher education.

Do you want to study abroad?

- Every year we have students apply to study abroad
- This is something that needs a lot of research as funding is different in every country
- Scholarships may be available (eg sports scholarships)
- US University information can be found at the Fulbright Commission website

What's right for you?

- There are a number of things for you to consider when applying for higher education, such as:
- Is it a subject you enjoy – you are investing time, money, and effort
- Is it right for your career path – check with employers
- What is the location like? – city or rural, transport links
- Does the course offer a study style that suits you?
- extracurricular activities- what is there?
- finances

Choosing a Course

- Research courses you are interested in- content can vary between universities.
- Think outside of the “traditional” subjects- did you know you could study Zoology, Immunology, Footwear Design and even Brewing and Distilling at university!!!
- Look at entry requirements- be realistic, use your predicted grades as a guideline and try to pick courses with a range of requirements.

Open Days

- Students are encouraged to attend open days and are allowed up to 3 authorised absences for this.
- They are a good opportunity to visit a campus and the local area
- A fantastic way to see how the university “feels”
- A chance to take part in subject lectures, hear speakers talk about university life, take tours of the university and accommodation and speak to current students
- Find out when open days take place by visiting www.opendays.com and university websites
- Due to pandemic, many universities had virtual open days uploaded on to their websites, which are still there for you to look at. However, the majority are now offering on site events

Oxbridge, Medical, Dental and Veterinary

- Not for everyone. Needs careful reflection and research
- Early application UCAS deadline of 16th October
- Most courses require pre admission tests which need preparation
- We will offer regular support tutorials, lunchtime preparation sessions and mock interviews
- A good candidate will have academic ability and potential, GCSEs at grades 8 and 9, and A grade AS Levels. They will have a genuine interest in their subject, a thirst for knowledge and be prepared to see things differently.

Russell Group or not?

- The Russell Group is made up of 24 world-class universities which receive the majority of the research funding in the UK. These institutions share a strong reputation for teaching and learning and attract staff and students from around the world
- They are well-funded, have a high status and are often found at the top of league tables
- For many students, a Russell Group institution will be the right option, but assuming that it is the only option worth considering can be limiting.

Russell Group or not?

The UK university landscape is diverse, ranging from tiny, specialist colleges to sprawling city campuses; from universities known for academic excellence to those known for impressive employer links.

- There should be something for everyone, but it is a question of finding the right fit.
- Non-Russell group universities can have better satisfaction ratings
- There may be more emphasis on work experience and building industry contacts
- May be better fit creative courses/healthcare
- The Times University of the Year 2023 is the University of Bath - a non Russell Group University

UCAS

- Application is entirely online.
- Maximum of five choices.
- Some choice restrictions: medicine, veterinary medicine/science, dentistry(maximum of four)
- Oxford or Cambridge
- Simple application cost: £27.50
- 'Invisibility' – universities cannot see where else applied to

TEAMS groups

- Year 12 students are able to add themselves to SHSB TEAMS groups which concentrate on different Post 18 pathways ie Oxbridge, Apprenticeships, Medicine, Careers in Engineering, law, business and finance etc. Please make sure your student has added themselves to the groups they may be interested in.
- All opportunities for work experience/university master classes/job vacancies/open days are added to these groups.

The School Process

- All students will start their UCAS online application as part of the summer personal development programme in June 2023.
- A draft personal statement should be completed by the end of the summer holidays
- Students will be issued their predicted grades in early September. School policy states that your predicted A Level grade will be your AS Level grade.
- 5 university choices can then be finalised, and their pre UCAS form completed and handed in to Mrs Hamilton by the **16th November** (27th September for Early Entry students)
- Online applications need to be completed (including a personal statement) and the "pay and send" button pressed by **6th December** (6th October for Early Entry students) to guarantee applications are processed before the UCAS deadline date

The Personal Statement

- The only opportunity to sell yourselves to your prospective university within 4000 characters!
- What you can do to start preparing now:

Engage in wider reading (including watching online lectures, listening to podcasts, taking short online courses-MOOCs)

Relevant visits e.g. museums/exhibitions

Work experience (vital for vocational courses)

Go beyond your current learning- is there something you are interested in that you would like to find out about? Then you should do it!

Work Experience/Shadowing

- Year 12 students have been regularly offered the chance to apply for virtual work experience opportunities via organisations such as InvestIn, Springpod and Speakers for Schools.
- Students are encouraged to seek out work experience opportunities through networking, friends and family, contacting local companies.
- Aspiring medics have all been offered the chance to apply for the Southend Hospital work shadowing scheme

Decisions

Once your UCAS application has been received by the universities they will review the :

- personal statement
- reference
- qualifications
- admissions test result
- interview
- portfolio
- audition

They'll then make one of three decisions:

Unconditional offer

Conditional offer

Unsuccessful.

This can take some weeks, universities have until May 2024 to make a decision

Replies

- Applicants should wait for all decisions from all choices, then they can choose one:
- firm – if all conditions are met, this is where they will be placed
- insurance – usually lower conditions, in case firm conditions are not met
- Any other offers must be declined.
- If a student firmly accepts an unconditional offer, they must decline any/all others.

How can parents support?

- Use the parents/guardians' section of the UCAS website at – www.ucas.com/parents
- Use the UCAS parent information tool for advice, hints, and tips to help someone you care for through the application process.
- Offer to attend open days – you may have a different perspective.
- Don't book family holidays at key times.
- Make sure you read everything carefully that is sent to you.
- Sign up for your UCAS monthly parent newsletter.

What do we have planned?

- Tuesday 6th June Year 12 return to school
- Wednesday 14th June Year 12 attend the UCAS fair at the University of Essex, Colchester
- Rest of the term, a summer development plan will be followed by all of year 12 where they will look at various post 18 options, start an online UCAS application and hear from guests about how to make choices
- 13th July- Year 12 attend a presentation from Jane Marshall on the importance of personal statements and how to write them.
- 21st July End of term- please take some time through the holidays to start to draft your personal statement.



Degree and Higher Apprenticeships

Please welcome
Abbie Tisdall

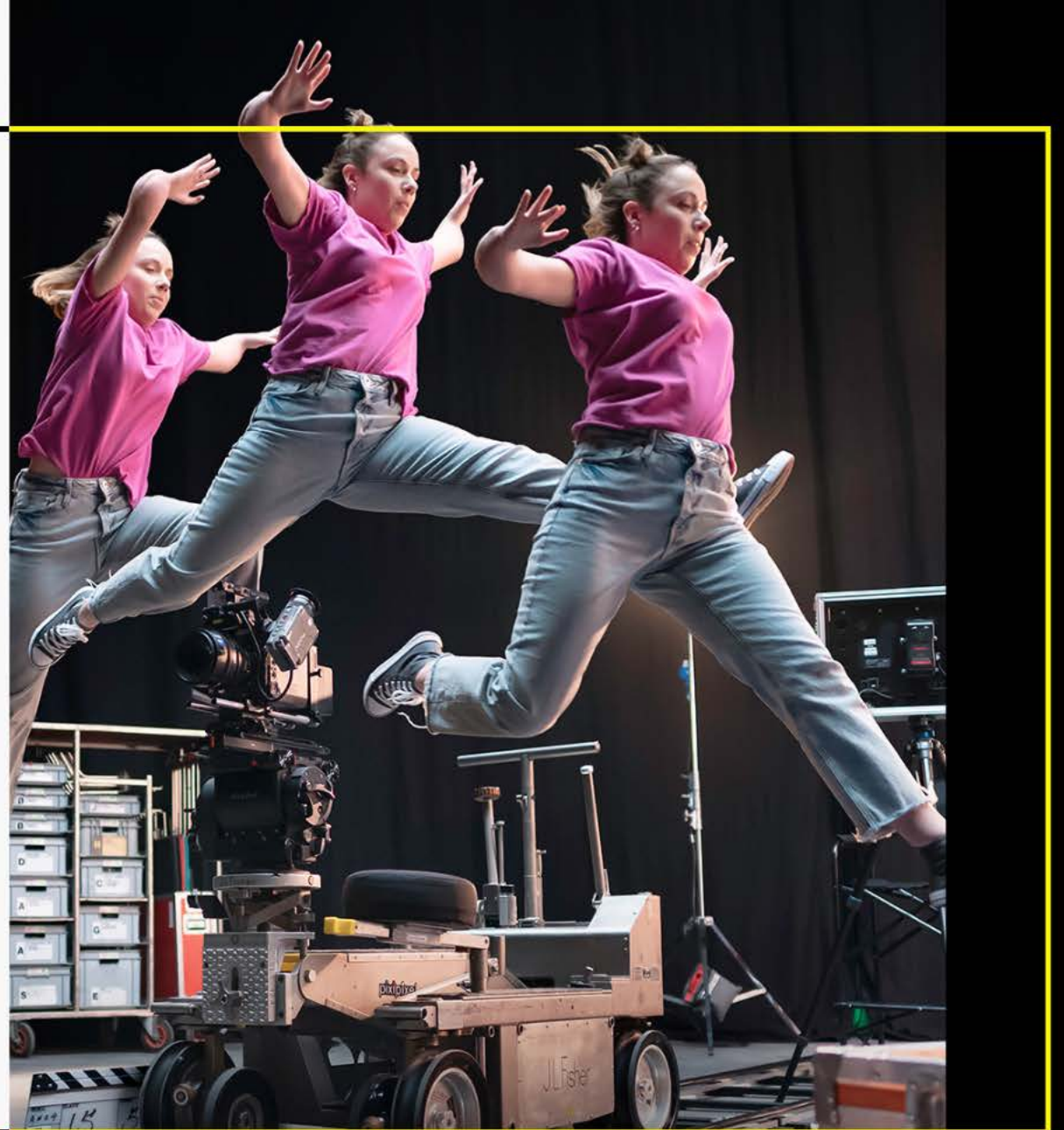
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Higher and Degree apprenticeships

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Southend High School For Boys
Post 18 Options

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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



The levels of apprenticeships



Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade A*-C or 4-9
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

Work full time and study part-time



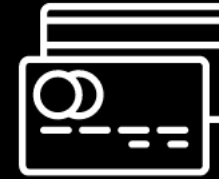
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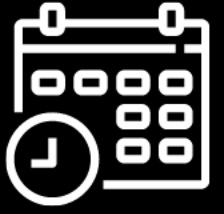
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Experience



4-6 Years



**University fees paid by employer and/or
government**

100+ Universities offer apprenticeships



Workplace learning



Online learning



Attend college/training providers



Classroom learning

The pros and cons of

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

UCAS

Pros of a degree apprenticeship

- ✓ You'll get real-life experience working alongside your degree.
- ✓ Your degree is fully paid for, so there's no cost to you.
- ✓ You'll get paid a salary just like a normal employee.

Cons of a degree apprenticeship

- ✗ You'll need to balance working and studying at the same time.
- ✗ You won't qualify for any student loans.
- ✗ Apprentices don't always get the traditional 'university experience'.

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcPRzqfK5eaUJE0LL70ld_DDLsCDYksWE
explore our youtube playlist with lots of useful videos to help you review Higher and Degree apprenticeships!

Which employers offer apprenticeships?



AIRBUS

BBC

pwc

British Gas

★ PRET ★

BAE SYSTEMS



FUJITSU



ROYAL
AIR FORCE



BRITISH AIRWAYS



asos
discover fashion online



Santander



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GREENE KING
BURY ST EDMUNDS



RBS

Degree apprenticeships available



Aerospace
engineer



Architect



Chartered legal
executive



Dietitian



Paramedic



Social worker



Storyboard
artist



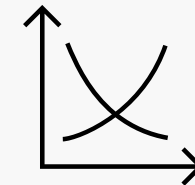
Solicitor



Project
Manager



Senior
Journalist



Marketing
manager



First officer
pilot



Apprenticeships in the local area

Apprenticeship vacancies In England during the latest period from 27th March to 2nd April 2023:

- 84 new Degree & L7 and
- 215 new Higher Apprenticeships
- Giving a total of 299 for the week



Job opportunity	Closing date	Level	Annual salary
Sports Coach Apprentice	13 May 2023	Level 4 (Higher national Certificate)	£8,500.00
Apprentice Web Developer	13 May 2023	Level 4 (Higher national Certificate)	£18,000.00
Bookkeeping and Accounts AAT Apprenticeship	30 Jun 2023	Level 4 (Higher national Certificate)	£22,000.00
Electronics Engineering Degree Apprentice	24 Mar 2023	Degree Level 6 (Degree with honours)	£20,500.00
Automation Engineering Apprentice	30 Mar 2023	Level 6 (Degree with honours)	£30,056.00
Civil Engineering Apprentice - Transport Planning	20 Apr 2023	Degree Level 6 (Degree with honours)	£20,000.00
Quantity Surveyor Degree Apprenticeship	04 Sep 2023	Degree Level 6 (Degree with honours)	£19,000-£21,674
Software Engineering Degree Apprentice	24 Sep 2023	Degree Level 6 (Degree with honours)	£20,500.00



Register on Find
An Apprenticeship



Manage your alerts



Do your research

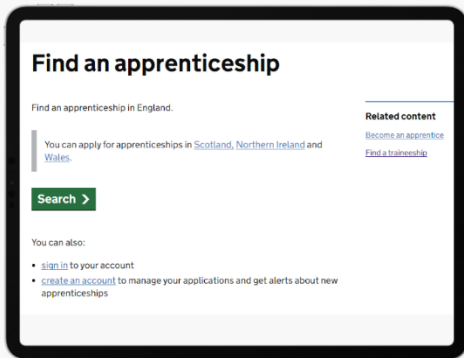


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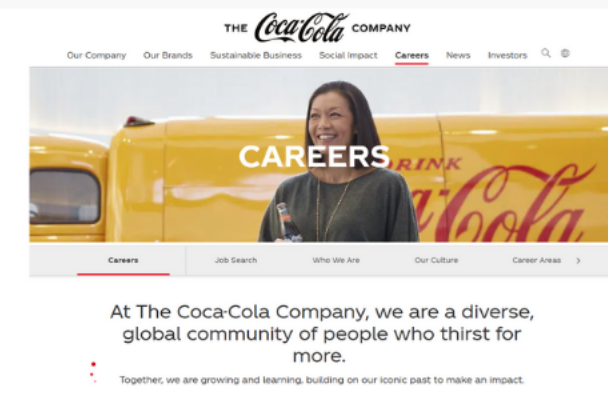
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Employer Websites



Higher and Degree Vacancy Listing
for 2022 Recruitment
Created February 2022

Apprenticeships



Visit [apprenticeships.gov.uk](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)

Higher and Degree listing



SEARCH THE APPRENTICESHIPS

Filter the results

Keywords

Route(s)

- ☐ 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

Sort:



Alphabetically

By Date

Showing 364 apprenticeship standards, filtered on levels 4, 5,

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 assess illness, disease and injury and to maintain physical and mental health.

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.

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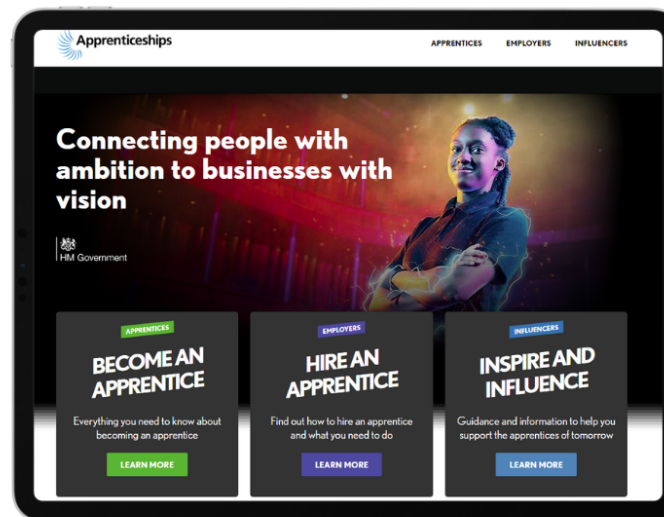
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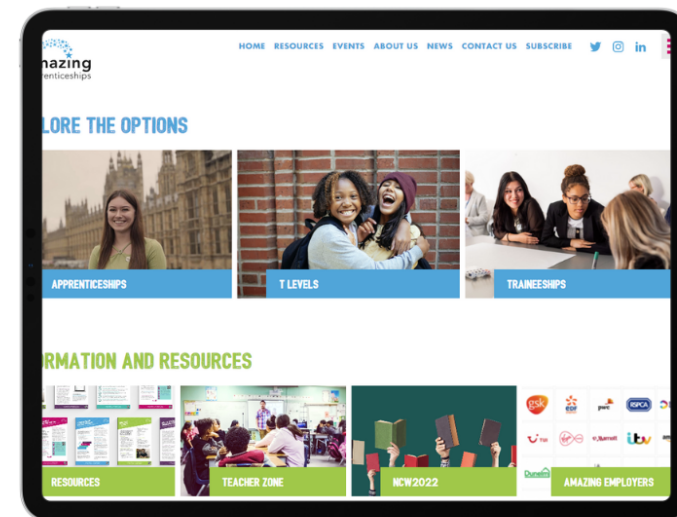
Max funding: £10000



Want to find out
more information?



Apprenticeships.gov.uk



AmazingApprenticeships.com



Explore your
education and training choices

Still not sure what's next for you? Whether you know where you're heading or not knowing about the different routes open to you is a great place to start.



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THE
JUMP**
SKILLS
FOR LIFE



SHOW

The Inspiration Station



LISTEN ON  Spotify



Any Questions?



Thank you for listening to today's awareness assembly if there are any questions, please pass these onto your teachers and I can follow up with **them afterwards.**

SHSB Apprenticeship Destinations

- The past few years have seen a huge increase in the amount of apprenticeships available at many different levels.
- Students from SHSB have successfully gained apprenticeships at a wide variety of companies including:
 - Ford
 - BAE Systems
 - JP Morgan
 - BMW
 - PwC
 - Rolls Royce
 - Bank of England
 - Lloyds of London
 - Ipeco
 - IBM



Gap Years (Research and Development Years)

- Make it count!
- Research future career paths
- Develop skills, employability and personal profile
- Arrange work experience/shadowing
- Volunteer
- Travel
- Study something you have always wanted to

Employment

- For those who wish to go out to work we offer Careers Advice and application support
- Research is vital
- A comprehensive CV will be required
- Sign up to email alerts of companies you are interested in
- Take advantage of work shadowing/work experience opportunities.

The Future Starts Now

If you have any further queries please contact

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