



WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP? EARN WHILE YOU LEARN!

An apprenticeship is a paid period of training that allows you to learn a particular skill or set of skills and can last between one and four years. For many young people this is now a valid alternative to University.

What are my options?

Apprenticeships can be undertaken in a wide range of different sectors and industries, from Agriculture to Zoo Keeping.

Don't expect to be paid a fortune, rates differ from apprenticeship to apprenticeship, so it's best to shop around.

One thing to remember is that your pay will go up in line with the skills you develop, so providers will invest in you.

There are three levels of apprenticeships:

- Apprenticeships (after GCSE)
- Advanced Apprenticeships (after A level)
- Higher Apprenticeships (Degree level)

How much will I get paid?

For a basic Apprenticeship you're guaranteed a minimum wage of £2.73 per hour, however it depends on the sector; a typical Dental Nurse Apprenticeship will pay on average at least twice this amount.

Whilst you are earning between £4,940 and £13,000 a year your university friends are almost certainly acquiring a similar amount of debt particularly when you consider that university fees cost up to £9,000 per year.

If you make a good impression and the company wants you, they will pay a premium, even the minimum wage, but this shouldn't be your motivation. Both you and the provider are investing in your long term future.

If you are interested in looking for apprenticeships in your area, we strongly recommend that you check the database from the [National Apprenticeship Service](#). Registration is easy.

Unifrog and Start Profile are also essential tools. They will update you on market trends and live apprenticeships.

Year 11 have already been registered with both these providers.

Engagement with Unifrog will be a focus of the Year 11 Progression Evening.