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Apprenticeships Are You Ready!

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What are Apprenticeships?

- **JOB** → Employee from day one
- **TRAINING** → Cost of training is covered by employers (can include university fees)
- **WAGE** → Minimum pay levels apply for apprentices, but more is often paid, particularly at higher levels





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The Levels

GCSEs = **Level 2 qualifications**

A levels, T levels and BTECS =
Level 3 qualifications

Apprenticeships work in levels too!

Level 2 – Intermediate

Level 3 - Advanced

Level 4 & 5 – Higher

Level 6 – Degree Apprenticeship

Level 7 – Master's Level



Research Skills & Keeping Options Open

Next Steps Personal Profile = RESEARCH

- Exploring roles, industries and pathways

Thinking about:

- Why this role / industry?
- How your subjects prepare you?
- Your skills and strengths

Building skills and knowledge through:

- Work experience (e.g Be Ambitious week)
- Part time jobs / volunteering
- Hobbies, clubs and interests
- Reading around careers / podcasts
- Speaking to people in roles
- All about keeping options open





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Where to find vacancies

- Shared with students
- **Gov.uk** Find an apprenticeship
- **Training Providers/colleges/universities**
- **Websites:** higherin, notgoingtouni,
- allaboutschoolleavers, getmyfirstjob
- **Employer listings** (e.g Amazing Apprenticeships)

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing/>





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How to apply?

- Apply directly to employer / provider
- No limit on applications*
- The application process might vary across vacancies, they could be asked for:

CV and Covering Letter**

Application Form

App/website application

- Can apply to **apprenticeships and university at the same time**

*Applications can take time – juggling applications with studying requires strong organisation skills

**CANVAS – Careers & Employability – A1 & A2 Apprenticeship tile

What to Prepare For?

- Research the employer
- Interviews (**STAR method**)
- Assessment days
- Presentations
- Vetting / clearance (some roles)

Possible outcomes:

- Offer
- Rejection / no response





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Key Questions to Consider

- Is this the right role for me?
<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles>
- Can I meet the entry criteria?
- Can I show my potential?
- Are there enough vacancies?
- Can I get to the workplace / training provider?
- Can travel / relocate?
- Do I also want to apply to University?



Former Student

ZAIN

- **Former ASFC Student**
- **Journey to securing an apprenticeship**
- **Applying while at college**

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“the apprenticeship process requires self believe – meaning having a firm conviction in yourself when things are not going your way”

Support from ASFC

- **Careers appointments**
- **Book via Canvas – Careers & Employability**
- **Senior Tutors**

Upcoming Events

- **ASFC Apprenticeship Event - *reminder only* – Tuesday 23rd June 2026**
- **Festival of Apprenticeships MMU - Monday 6th July 2026**
- **Book via Eventbrite**

Thank you for listening
Any questions?