# February 2022 Careers Newsletter National Apprenticeship Week Special



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

National Apprenticeship Week takes place from <u>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></u> <u>February to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February.</u>

Apprenticeships are an important career pathway for students today and this edition aims to provide both students and parents with information about apprenticeships, as well as provide access to a range of activities students can engage with to broaden their understanding.

Careers sessions this week will be focused on apprenticeships and students will be completed activities designed to increase their knowledge of apprenticeships over the coming weeks.

Students can access a range of resources in the <u>National</u> <u>Apprenticeship Week folder</u> on the VLE.

Throughout the week there are various virtual events taking place and links to these can be found on the events page and further apprenticeships vacancies can be found on the Apprenticeship Opportunities page.

<u>The National Apprenticeship Show</u> takes place on <u>Wednesday</u> <u>9<sup>th</sup> February from 10am – 6pm.</u>

Finally, I have added some information regarding another pathway that students may be less familiar with, the Traineeships route.

I hope you find the information and resources useful.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rowlands

Where can I find out more information about careers in school?

Parents, students, staff and employers can now access our Careers Section on the Tarporley High School website.

Students can also access the Careers area on the VLE

Half-termly newsletter for students, parents and staff





## **The Careers Team**



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To provide impartial information, advice and guidance, helping our students to make realistic choices about their education, training and work.

# What is an apprenticeship?







## The levels of apprenticeships





Interested in finding out more about apprenticeships?

- Complete the amazing apprenticeships student activity pack on the VLE
- Test your apprenticeship knowledge https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/theapprenticeship-quiz-2022/
- Understand how apprenticeships can link to your favourite subject think about your • favourite subject and then have a look at these videos https://amazingapprenticeships.com/think-apprenticeships-films/
- Meet real apprentices visit <u>https://amazingapprenticeships.com/think-apprenticeships-films/</u> From the 20 films available, select 2 or 3 to watch that interest you. Did you discover anything that surprised you?
- Access the videos on the <u>VLE</u> to find out how to apply for apprenticeships and support with applications.

# Apprenticeship Events 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> February







The Amazing Apprenticeships website has a number of apprenticeship vacancies advertised and you can access them <u>here</u>. The vacancies range from entry level (school leavers through to degree apprenticeships and include a range of companies such as; Army, AstraZeneca, BP, Sky, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, Nestle.

Amazing apprenticeships January Parents' & Carers' Pack is now available on the Apprenticeships page of the <u>school website</u>. Further vacancies can also be found on the government website - <u>https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</u>

Higher & degree apprenticeship vacancies Feb 2022 can be found on <u>Apprenticeships page</u> on the school website

Vacancies can also be found on the <u>Rate My Apprenticeship</u> website.

Current Apprenticeship Vacancies:

Ministry of Defence - Engineering, Digital Technology, Finance & Accounting

The Government - Economic Service Degree Level Apprenticeship

<u>AstraZeneca</u> - 18 Early Talent opportunities within the Macclesfield site. Sectors include engineering, manufacturing, digital and more. Closing date is 25th Feb.

<u>Siemens</u> - 7 Apprenticeships in Manchester, 5 in Congleton (over 40 nationally) these include engineering technicians, sales degree apprentices and engineering degree apprentices. Closing dates vary between February and April. Assessment Centre to take place in April

<u>Bentley Motors</u> - 13 manufacturing level 2 opportunities, others include digital & business DTS / UX / Data Science and business management.

<u>Sisk</u> - Launching a number of engineer / commercial opportunities next month,

<u>Everybody Leisure</u> - 4 roles currently available, Community activator coach level 2, Leisure team member level 2, Marketing assistant level 3, IT Solutions Technician Level 3 (To be confirmed) Closing date is 20th March with and assessment day on the 6th April.

<u>Sellafield</u> - Sellafield Ltd are recruiting 13 Degree Apprentices in Warrington. Mechanical, Electrical and Civil/Structural Engineering Design, Digital Engineering and Operational Research. Also 2 x Level 3 Business Administration apprentices.

<u>STFC</u> – Engineering roles at the Science & Technology Facilities Council Daresbury Laboratory

BBC – Journalism apprenticeship

Volkswagen Group apprenticeship programme

# What is a Traineeship?





A traineeship is a skills development programme that includes a work placement. It is funded by the government and is free of charge to participate in.



They aim to help 16 to 24-year olds to increase confidence and self-esteem around employment and to provide a greater understanding of what employers are looking for. They will also help improve English, Maths or Digital skills qualifications, where required. This will all help you to secure a job in the future.



Traineeships are also available for 25-year olds with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan. All trainees must be eligible to work in England.

The purpose of a traineeship is to give you the opportunity to improve your skills and increase your chances of getting paid work.

# Who are traineeships for?

If you are a young person who is...

- not currently in full-time employment
- has little work experience
- are aged 16 to 24 (or 25 with a EHC plan)
- you're qualified up to Level 3 or below (Level 3 is equivalent to A Levels)
- and could be 'work ready' within 6 months ...

... then a traineeship could be for you!

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### DON'T I HAVE TO STAY IN SCHOOL UNTIL I AM 18?

You have to stay in education or training until your 18th birthday, however, this doesn't mean you have to stay in school.

You have a choice about how you continue to participate in education or training and this includes full-time education at school or college, doing an apprenticeship or traineeship, or finding a job or volunteering whilst studying part-time.

#### I HAVE A PART TIME JOB -CAN I STILL DO A TRAINEESHIP?

#### Yes absolutely!

You will need to speak to your training provider about the details, but the good news is that you are permitted to work for up to 16 hours per week and still undertake a traineeship programme at the same time.

#### WHEN CAN I START A TRAINEESHIP?

Traineeships can start at any time throughout the year, not just in September like school or college.

You can therefore start applying whenever works best for you as long as you are 16 or over.

#### WHAT MAKES A TRAINEESHIP DIFFERENT TO AN APPRENTICESHIP? WHICH SHOULD I DO?

The main difference is that a traineeship isn't a job and you don't get paid, but traineeships are seen as a stepping stone to an apprenticeship.

It is a brilliant way to gain skills and experience in a real work placement and will hopefully lead you onto a paid apprenticeship where you could also gain a qualification.

# How do traineeships work?

## STEP 1

You will need to select a training provider (see the next page). This could be a local college, or an independent training provider.

#### STEP 2

You will start on your traineeship programme.

Your training provider will work with you to understand the type of work experience placement that might be most suitable and enjoyable for you.

Your training provider will help to design your traineeship programme and will help you to plan how long it will last for, and what your programme will include.

### STEP 3

You could also start working towards qualifications that will support you to move on into further training or employment. This will include learning the skills required in the workplace and support in writing your CV.

### STEP 4

Depending on what has been agreed with your training provider, you may begin your learning with the training provider or your work experience placement with an employer, or start them both at the same time. This will be agreed based on your individual needs.

The learning with the training provider could be a mixture of in the classroom and possibly some online studies. They will also help you to work towards achieving your English, maths and digital qualifications (if you need them).

Your work experience placement will be completed with an employer.

This will be at least **70 hours of meaningful work at a placement**, providing insight, experience and sectorfocused skills of the workplace.

## STEP 5

At the end of the traineeship, if a role with the employer becomes available, you will be able to interview for the position.

If there is not a role available, you will participate in an exit interview and receive feedback to help you to prepare for future interviews.

# How do I find a traineeship?

There are different ways to find a traineeship.

- By asking your local college or training provider if they have opportunities
- By speaking to your school/college careers advisers or the <u>National Careers Service</u>

• By speaking to your Jobcentre Plus adviser if you're in receipt of benefits

• Through the government website called <u>'Find a</u> traineeship'

## Traineeship student activity booklet on the VLE