

CAREERS@NEWSLETTER

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Special Apprenticeship Edition

National Apprenticeship Week is taking place from Monday 8th to Sunday 14th February with the aim of raising awareness of apprenticeships. Apprenticeships are jobs with training which you can start from the age of 16.

This is your chance to explore the varying levels of qualifications and the industries you can work in. Even if you know for sure that university is the path for you, just take a look. You never know what you may discover.

Please contact me if you would like more information on apprenticeships and what they can offer and please have a look at the various events taking place which have been designed to inform and inspire young people about future pathways.

Miss S Bond, Careers Coordinator

Short videos giving an overview of apprenticeships

Please take a look at these videos from Amazing Apprenticeships, Success at School and Barclays which will provide you with a good overview of degree apprenticeships and how they compare with a traditional university degree.

Please watch in your own time and get in touch with me if you have any questions.

Amazing Apprenticeships - [What is an apprenticeship?](#)

Success at School - [University or Apprenticeship?](#)

A week in the life of a degree apprentice - [A degree apprenticeship](#)

UCAS Apprenticeship Fair

For students in Years 12 and 13

Join each day to discover something new about what's on offer and what's involved in studying while working.

Monday 12.15 – 15.00 hrs We're talking to apprentices about what it's really like to study and work. On demand from 12.15 – Five apprentices share their experiences (panel discussion)
14.00 – 'Ask me anything' – Facebook live Q & A with Courtney Sheppard, Manager, UCAS and Tom Culley, apprenticeship learner, BT

Tuesday 12.00 – 1800 hrs **Live exhibition with employers**

Head over to the 'Explore & Meet' exhibition hall for the opportunity to meet & speak to employers about apprenticeship programmes in the subject areas that interest you most. Plus take part in live sessions throughout the day.

See who's there

From 12.15 hrs – On-demand – Five fantastic apprenticeships and how to land one.

Wednesday 12.15- 14.45 hrs It's workshop day. To apply for an apprenticeship you'll need a CV, application and be prepared for an interview.

12.15 – 12.45 hrs – Live CV workshop

14.15 – 14.45 hrs – Live interview workshop

From 12.15 hrs – On-demand – The application clinic and 10 easy tips to ace your interview

Thursday 12.15 – 18.00 hrs Not sure which option is right for you? Let's see what the people studying think.

From 12.15 hrs – On-demand – Advice from employers (panel discussion) and 5 things you didn't know about apprenticeships

17.00 hrs – Live debate – University or apprenticeship?

Friday 12.15 – 18.00 hrs On-demand – Transforming apprenticeships, then and now
The apprentice's insider guide

Book now using the following link:

<https://ucasapprenticeships.online-event.co/registration/ucas-16>



Apprenticeship Webinars

A selection of webinars organised by a careers professional, offering you support in finding, applying and interviewing for Apprenticeships.

Monday 8th February 7.30 pm – How to find an apprenticeship. Learn more about apprenticeship vacancies and where to find them

Monday 8th February

Tuesday 9th February 6.30 pm – My apprenticeship experience. Hear about Dom and Lucy's experience of being both a Higher and Degree Apprentice

Tuesday 9th February

Wednesday 10th February 5.30 pm – What makes a 'good' apprenticeship application?

Wednesday 10th February

Thursday 11th February 4.00 pm - Learn about assessment centres. What are they? What is an employer looking for? How can you stand out?

Thursday 11th February



Manchester Met Virtual Event

Manchester Metropolitan University is the leading university provider of degree apprenticeships (RateMyApprenticeship 2020). Their programmes combine work place experience and a fee-free university education. Their undergraduate programmes include digital marketer, laboratory scientist, retail leadership, healthcare science practitioner and many more. They are hosting a virtual open evening where attendees will gain an overview of degree apprenticeships, how to apply and meet some of their current apprentices who will be sharing their insight and experience. This will take place on Tuesday 9th March from 5 – 7 pm.

Manchester Met Apprenticeships



Highways England

Highways England are holding apprenticeship webinars throughout the week, designed to give you an overview of the opportunities we have available in 2021 through an apprenticeship, as well as a chance to hear from current and past apprentices within Highways England. They will talk about their career highlights, learning journey and benefits of choosing an Apprenticeship to kickstart their career. Each session will lead on to a Q+A where you can interact with us and learn more. The event is open to anyone who is interested in an apprenticeship with Highways England.

Highways England Apprenticeship Webinars

Apprenticeships - Work, Earn and Learn

Monday 8th February from 11.00 am

Local Hertfordshire apprenticeship event with the University of Hertfordshire, iSales Academy and Amazing Apprenticeships.

It's an excellent opportunity for those in Year 10 students and above, as well as teachers, careers advisors, parents and guardians, to find out more about apprenticeships and the benefits they offer. The line-up will showcase the exciting opportunities that are available for young people. Hear from:

Apprentices at **MBDA** and **Ryall Marketing** on what it's like to be an apprentice and how it has influenced their personal career pathways

Training providers **University of Hertfordshire** and **iSales Academy** on the wide range of apprenticeship levels that are available and the skills that are needed to succeed

Hertfordshire employer **MBDA** on the diversity of career options and what can be achieved through an apprenticeship

There will also be a live Q&A session with our line-up.

To sign up for this free event, please [register here](#).

Please note if in lessons at this time, a recording will be available after the event.

Amazing Apprentices Parents Pack

The latest edition with up to date information on traineeships, higher and degree apprenticeships. Case studies and much more.

[Amazing Apprentices Parents Pack January 2021](#)

More from Amazing Apprentices

Watch our apprenticeship case study film, the A-Z of female and male apprentices, to discover more about real apprentices, their job roles, the companies they work for and their day to day live.

[A-Z of female & male apprentices](#)

There are nearly 600 different apprenticeship standards across England, which cover more than 1700 different job roles.

Can you guess which apprenticeship we are describing and match them up to the correct answer?

[Which apprentice am I? Quiz](#)

More quizzes to do with apprenticeships can be found here

[Amazing Apprenticeship quizzes](#)

Explore the apprenticeship opportunities available within the British Army, Royal Navy & Royal Air Force

[Apprenticeships with the Armed Forces webinar](#)

Research

Where do you start researching apprenticeships? How do you figure out if they could be a good option for you? The same way you would start researching university. Looking at the subjects you are interested in; the subjects that motivate you to find out more; the subjects you can see yourself potentially studying for 3 -4 years after you leave school.

Take a look at the subject posters created by Amazing Apprenticeships. What apprenticeships are available in each of your favourite subjects? Were you surprised by what you found?

[Snapshot of where subjects can take you](#)

Use the websites below to carry out your own research to look at current vacancies, typical salary, benefits and location

Use these websites to search for current apprenticeships vacancies:

www.studentjob.co.uk/apprenticeships

Get My First Job

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

www.amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies

UCAS apprenticeship finder

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/opportunities

The National Apprenticeship Show takes place online on Wednesday 10th February, between 11.00 – 18.00 hrs. and will bring together employers, colleges and providers with those wanting to find out more about what apprenticeships can offer. Employers will include BDO, Sky, Barclays, PwC, NHS, Centrica, Dyson & KPMG. Please visit their website to book your place. <https://nas.vfairs.com/>



Open to Years 11-13 (All workshops will be recorded and available 30 days after the event so please only attend when you do not have lessons)

EY Virtual Insight events are taking place across the week.

These include an apprenticeship and work experience session for Students, a parent and carer webinar and a live chat with apprentices already working at EY

Book your place [here](#)



Pathway CTM

Pathway CTM are running some free webinars which aim to give more information about what apprenticeships are.

Monday 8th February – 6 – 7 pm

An Introduction to Apprenticeships for Years 7, 8 and 9

This session will answer the following questions:

- What is an Apprenticeship? with guest speaker from Adviza
- Who should consider doing one?
- Why are Apprenticeships different to other post-16 routes?
- How to find out where there are vacancies

[Introduction to Apprenticeships](#)

Tuesday 9th February – 6 – 7 pm

Female focused webinar with BT

This female focused event offers unique career opportunities for women who are looking to enter the telecommunication industry. BT are the UK's number one private sector apprentice programme. Join as an apprentice and you'll get hands-on experience in one of the world's leading tech companies

[Female Focused Careers - Insight Session with BT](#)

Wednesday 10th February – 6 – 7 pm

Virtual Insight Event with Co-op

You will get a chance to hear from the team at Co-op and understand more about their competitive career opportunities. You'll get to meet employees from the company, learn more about their career opportunities and gain experience in starting your career.

During the interactive employee Q&A, you will be able to ask questions anonymously and take part in live polls. You will get a real feel for the brand and get some top tips from those who have been successful themselves through the application process.

[Virtual Insight Event with Co-op](#)

Thursday 11th February – 6 – 7 pm

Finding and Applying for an Apprenticeship – Years 10 – 13

This session will include apprenticeship levels explained, what an apprenticeship looks like, the application time frame (different to UCAS); tips on how, when and where to apply, what employers are looking for and much more. Plus a Q & A from apprentices

[Finding/Applying for an apprenticeship - Years 10 - 13](#)

Spotlight on Employers



Aldi

Aldi's Store Apprenticeship Programmes won't just give you a great start to our careers it will put you on the right road to success. And if you combine hard work, ambition and an ability to apply yourself to any challenge, you could make it all the way to Store Management. Their programme is perfect for anyone who is practical, focused and ready to be fast tracked into a management position. Not only will you be give industry leading qualifications and training, but you will benefit from market leading salaries.

There are two pathways available for our Stores Apprenticeships:

Career Starter - For applicants with no previous qualifications you can apply for a Level 2 Retailer Apprenticeship which takes around 12-15 months to complete. You will also complete Functional Skills at Level 2 alongside this.

Store Management Apprenticeship - For applicants that already have their GCSE's in Maths and English at Grade 4 or above you can apply for the Store Management Apprenticeship programme. You will complete both Level 2 Retailer and Level 3 Retail Team Leader which takes up to 36 months to complete.

Through both our pathways you will earn £6.24 (£187/week) in the first year and for those on the Management Development Programme this rises to £7.81 (£234) in year two and £9.40 (£279) in year three.

You also will have the following earning potential, provided you are successful:

Deputy Store Manager: £22,001 per annum
Assistant Store Manager: £32,245 rising to £39,445
Store Manager: £46,385 rising to £60,495

<https://www.aldirecruitment.co.uk/apprenticeships/stores-apprenticeship>

If any students in Years 11, 12 or 13 would like to attend a customised webinar on opportunities at Aldi, please contact Miss Bond.



BAM Construction

BAM Construction is a main construction contractor who design, construct, refurbish and operate outstanding buildings. For public and private sector clients and for their own portfolio of properties.

Creating a new building – or breathing new life into an existing one – takes vision. Clear, long-sighted vision. A vision that's shared by the client, the designer, the construction company, the facilities management & supplier.

It takes into account how that building will evolve throughout its design life. How it will be maintained. How much it will cost to run. And it factors in the impact that the building will have on its environment: immediate and global; now and in the future. That's what we mean when we talk about sustainable buildings.

They employ experienced people, graduates in various disciplines and start new apprenticeships at all levels. Our most popular degree level apprenticeship is in Construction Management. We generally advertise in the autumn term with applications closing before Christmas. Interviews and assessments take place in the spring term and apprentices start in September. Students who have a "STEM" A level are eligible for the apprenticeship but must also have GCSE grade 6 or above in Maths and English.

The apprentices study on a block basis rather than day release. All BAM apprentices attend university for a month during the autumn and spring terms. All course fees and accommodation is paid for. The Level 4 course takes 2 years to complete. After two years the apprentices choose between Construction Management and Quantity Surveying and continue studying to complete their degree. Typically the degree takes 5 ½ years to complete. Although the degree takes longer to complete, apprentices are paid during this time, gain experience and an industry recognised qualification e.g. Chartered Institute of Building.

Why not have a look at our website www.bam.co.uk and find out more. We normally offer work placements at our offices or on site at our projects. At the moment that isn't possible but we are offering virtual work experience through Speakers for Schools.

Young Professionals Event

You will be able to hear from 8 different apprentices from; IBM, EY, PwC, M&S, bp, CIMA, CGI & Vodafone. Each apprentice will give a short 10-minute snapshot on what they do and their career journey to date in a really inspiring and engaging way!

- Monday 8th February, 3pm - 5pm
- 8 Different Apprentice highlight journeys
- Open to all year groups in **Y10, Y11, Y12 & Y13**
- Opportunity to ask questions and find out about other young people's career journeys
- Learn about different types of apprenticeships, some myth busting and a few prizes along the way!

Registration Link:

<https://www.research.net/r/NAW2021>

Apprenticeship Vacancies

There are lots of places to find apprenticeships some of which are listed below. Social media can also be a good source, especially LinkedIn which many professionals use regularly to look for new jobs and to network with potential future employers.

[Find An Apprenticeship](#) – main government website for apprenticeships

[HOP](#) – Hertfordshire apprenticeship & job opportunities. Plus career talks and local labour market information with spotlights on sectors growing in the area

[Employers with school leaver programmes](#) – YC Herts has a list of employers who run school leaver programmes

[Rate My Apprenticeship](#) - RateMyApprenticeship is a resource for students, schools and parents. We aim to educate young people about their career options, and inspire them to take an exciting next step after they leave school or college.

Finally, here are a selection of short films which should answer any questions you have about apprenticeships – higher and degree apprenticeships explained, where you can find them and recruitment methods.

Plus a full listing of various virtual events taking place w/c 8th – 14th February

[Higher & Degree Apprenticeships](#)

[Find an apprenticeship](#)

[New recruitment methods](#)

[NAW Event Listing](#)

COMING SOON – NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK – W/C 1ST MARCH