



Life after Laurus Apprenticeships guide

The intended audience for this document is **Students/Parents/Carers**.

All students have an equal entitlement to high quality Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance at Laurus Schools that helps to prepare them for choices and transitions affecting their future education, training and employment.

Apprenticeships

As part of our Futures Programme we also like students to be aware of the apprenticeship route than can be taken Post-16 or Post-18.

Each Year roughly 3 - 5% of the students that leave Laurus Schools choose the Apprenticeship route. Apprenticeships can be done after GCSEs at 16 Years Old, or after College/6th Form at 18. They start at Level 1 all the way through to degree level. The range of Apprenticeship roles and careers pathways is growing and it should be considered as an alternative to the traditional academic route.

How apprenticeships work

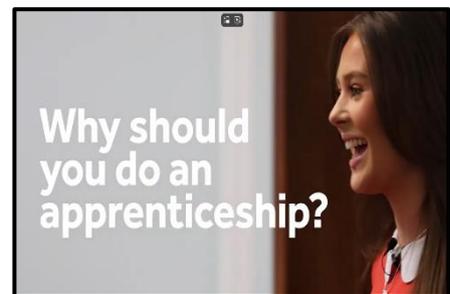
Apprenticeships **combine practical training in a job with study**. As an apprentice you'll be an employee **earning a wage** and getting holiday pay, work alongside experienced staff and gain job-specific skills. You'll get **time for training and study** related to your role (at least 20% of your normal working hours) - Read more from the Government pages [Here](#)

Finding apprenticeships

Apprenticeships at Post-16 are often arranged through friends/families or local businesses. Also you can search for an apprenticeship on the Government Website. Once you have found a company to work for you can liaise with a local college to find out about the learning/assessment that goes alongside it. Search for an apprenticeship, click - [Here](#)

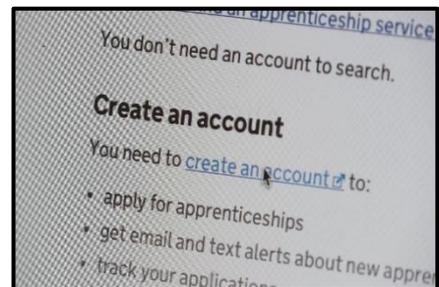
Steps to consider

1. Decide in apprenticeship is a possible route for you
2. Decide on the trade or profession that interests you
3. Speak to our Careers Advisor/College/University
4. Begin to search for opportunities locally or nationally



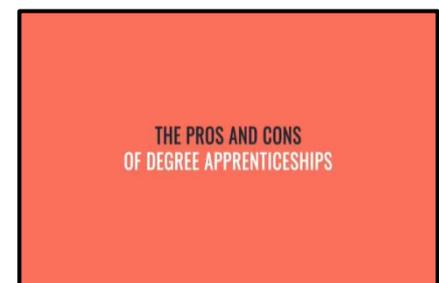
What is an Apprenticeship

"A video to guide you through what an apprenticeship looks like at Barclays PLC"



Searching for Apprenticeship

"A video to guide you through how you should begin your search for apprenticeship"



Pros and Cons of Apprenticeships

A great video that discusses the implications of Apprenticeships



Life after Laurus Apprenticeships guide

5. Register and use the search an apprenticeship service
6. Begin to apply for apprenticeships that interest you
7. Find out about the qualifications you will gain whilst you work
8. Make sure you have a back-up plan of College/University

Further apprenticeship support

At present finding an apprenticeship may be more difficult in certain areas and some businesses may be reluctant to run an apprenticeship scheme at present. We strongly advise any students interested in apprenticeships to also apply to at least TWO colleges to do a full-time course after Year 11, and at A-Level all students are encouraged to complete a UCAS application. This ensures everyone has a back-up, but also because over the duration of the year plans can change.

Local Apprenticeship Opportunities

Local businesses or smaller companies based in the Manchester/Cheshire area may be looking for apprenticeship candidates. Often these are more ad-hoc, or sometimes through someone you know. These can be a great way into a profession. These local companies will receive a grant from the government for taking on an apprenticeship, so you may even find you are able to negotiate an apprenticeship position.

National Apprenticeship Opportunities

Many of the big employers and “household” names have apprenticeship opportunities through schemes that they run as part of their organisation. Several of the bigger companies take on a large number of apprentices each year. Unfortunately, whilst they are usually on the government website, it is also useful to search around. As with any job, these are advertised at different times with different closing dates. Degree apprenticeships are highly competitive and need early attention and applications.



ASK Careers Service

“The ASK Apprenticeship service have produced a series of Podcasts to help Parents/Carers understand Apprenticeships”



Government Apprenticeships

with links to the Government apprenticeship search engine and support in making apprenticeship decisions



GMACS

This is the Greater Manchester Careers Service that has information and listings of apprenticeship



UCAS

“The UCAS website has a host of information for students as well as holding virtual apprenticeship events”

Links to local Apprenticeship Opportunities

“These are some of the local colleges that have dedicated Apprenticeship opportunities and support – Check out their websites for more information”

