



Year 11 Post-16 pathways and progression routes

Apprenticeships session

Autumn 2026

How much do you actually know about apprenticeships?

“
How much do you
feel you know about
apprenticeships ...?
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“
Who knows roughly
where to look for
apprenticeships?
”

“
Who knows roughly
how you go about
applying for
apprenticeships?
”

“
Who feels confident
they know what an
apprenticeship is?
”



“
Is anyone already
looking into
apprenticeships/
considering them as
an option?
”

Today's session:

APPRENTICESHIPS

WHAT THEY ARE

ROLES & LEVELS

APPRENTICESHIP OPTIONS

SEARCH & APPLY



What are apprenticeships?



So, what are apprenticeships?



Employed



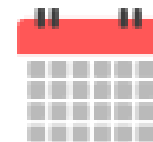
Off the job



Intermediate -
degree



Paid a salary



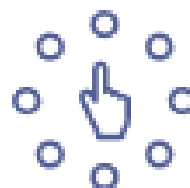
Typically 1-6
years



Real
responsibilities



Contract

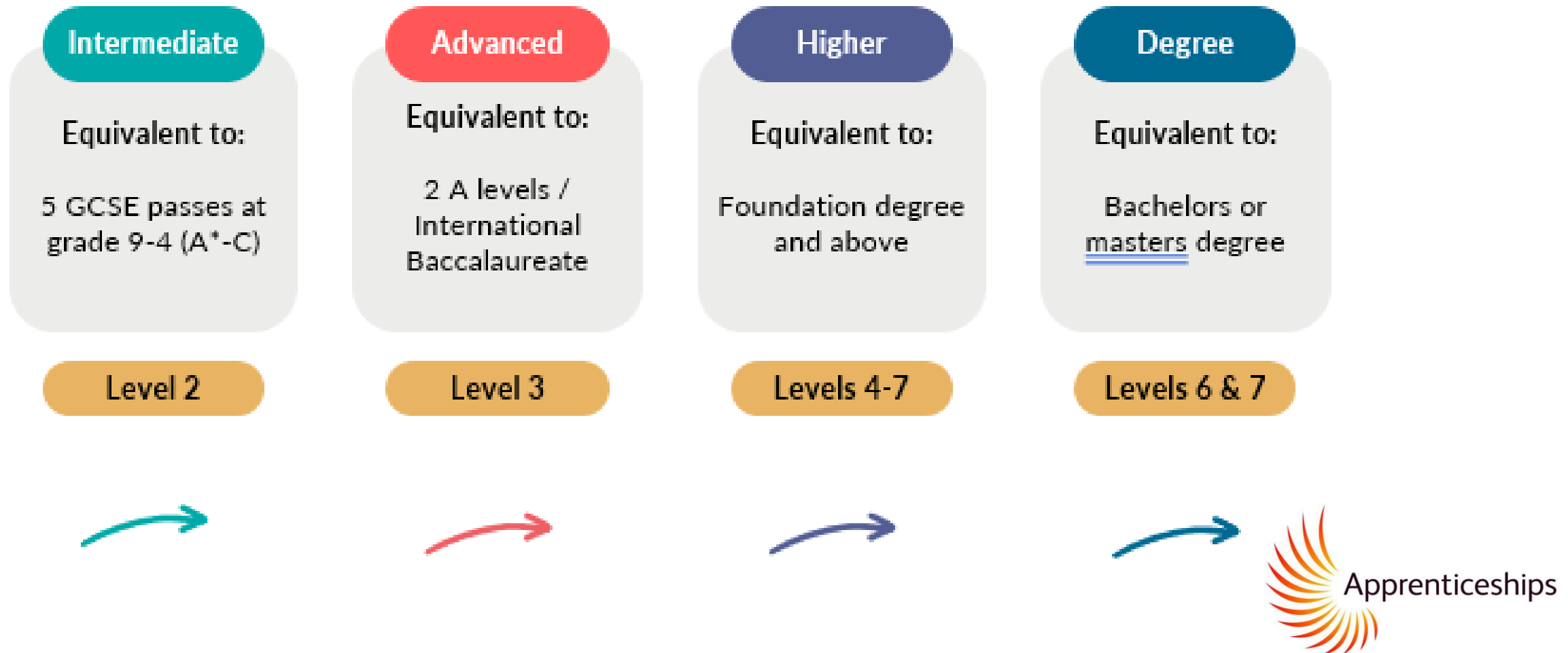


700+ standards



Not the easy
option

What levels of apprenticeships are out there?



NEW! Foundation level apprenticeships

- Available from August 2025 onwards
- Available to young people aged 16-21 (EHCP- up to age 24)
- Duration – 8 months
- Few or no formal qualifications needed
- 7 apprenticeships available in foundation level:

Building Service Engineering	Onsite Trades	Software & Data	Health & Social Care
Finishing Trades	Hardware, Network & Infrastructure	Engineering & Manufacturing	

There are over 700 different apprenticeships that exist now...

Intermediate (L2)

- Furniture maker
- Security operative
- Barber
- Aviation ground handler
- Dog groomer
- Florist
- Accounts assistant
- Pharmacy assistant
- Marina operative
- Junior estate agent

140+ standards

Advanced (L3)

- Engineering technician
- Pastry chef
- Multi-channel marketer
- Fundraiser
- Scenic artist
- Electrician
- Community wellbeing worker
- Data technician

230+ standards

Higher

- Visual effects artist
- Town planning assistant
- Sports coach
- Space engineering technician

110+ standards (L4)

- Vet technician
- Nursing associate
- Rail engineer
- Marine pilot
- Nuclear technician

40+ standards (L5)

Degree

- Geoscientist
- Accounting manager
- Midwife
- Social worker
- Civil engineer

110+ standards (L6)

- Doctor
- Game programmer
- Play therapist
- Solicitor
- Economist

60+ standards (L7)

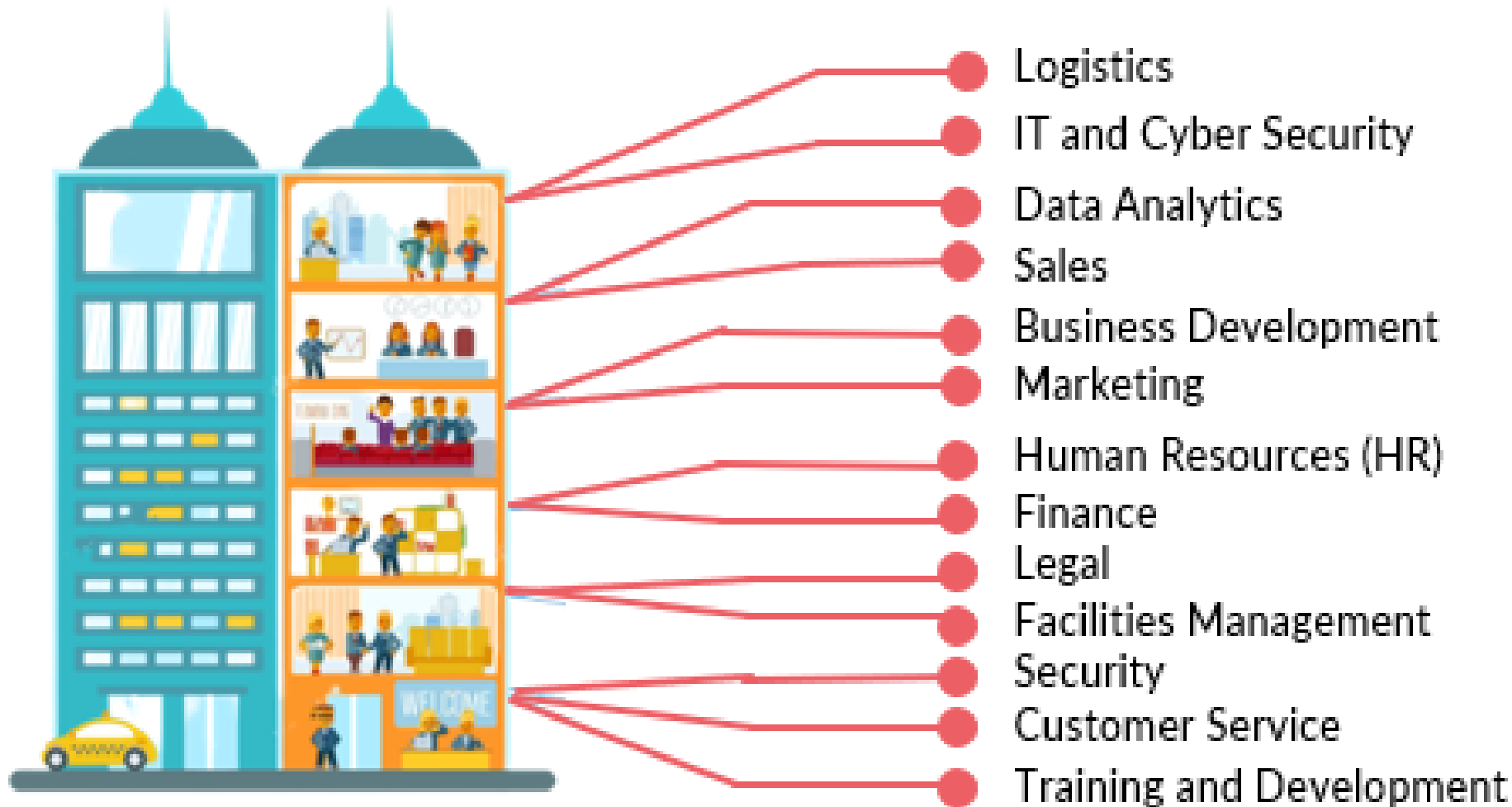
Why are apprenticeships a popular alternative to college (post-16) or university (post-18)?

- “Earn whilst you learn”
- Gain practical and on the job experience
- Higher and degree apprenticeships (post-18) guarantee the following:
 - Tuition fees paid by the employer
 - No student debt
 - Practical experience at the same time as gaining a degree
 - In most cases, a guaranteed job at the end of it

Employers who offer apprenticeships...

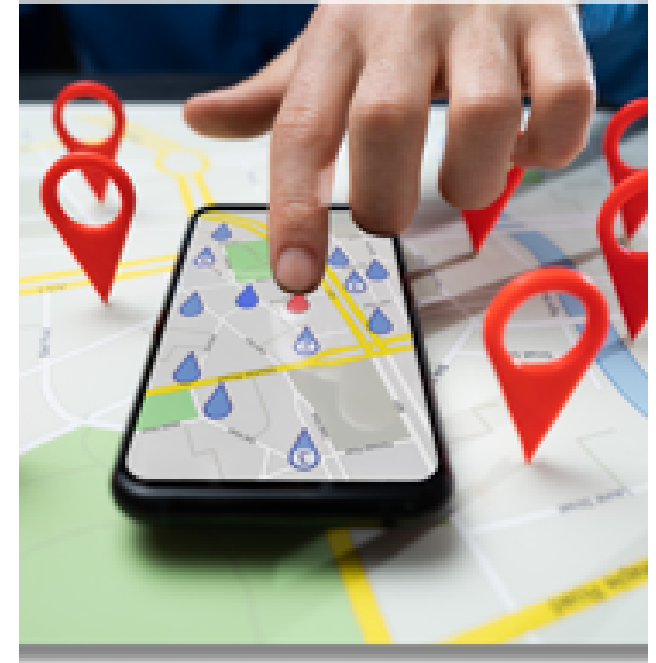


Look inside any company...



Apprenticeships in this immediate local area...

Job opportunity	Closing date	Weekly salary	Annual salary
Civil Engineer Apprentice	30 th Jan	£348	£20,000
Project Management WSP	31 st March	£442	£23,000
Cyber Engineering Apprentice BAE	28 th Feb	£480	£25,000
Aspiring Leaders BA	1 st Oct	£518	£26,938



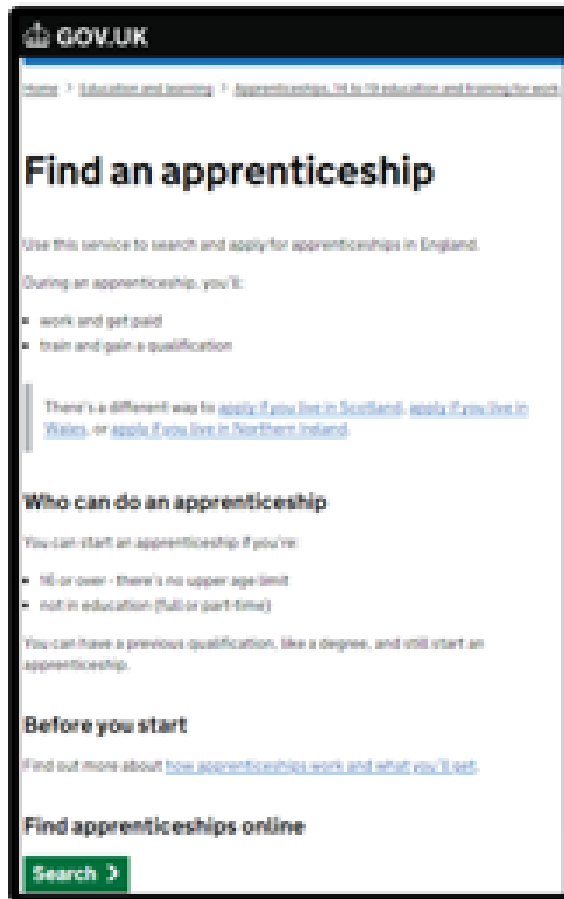
Meet some apprentices...



Where can I find out more about apprenticeships?

- <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>
- <https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/>
- <https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships>
- <https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/apprenticeships>

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