

APPRENTICESHIPS

As an alternative to sixth form or University, some students may prefer to learn in a different way. Apprenticeships combine working for a nationally recognised vocational qualification, with practical training in the workplace and the opportunity to gain valuable work experience with job specific skills.

Apprenticeships can be taken at different levels, Intermediate, Advanced and Higher. For example the Advanced level is equivalent to 2 A Level passes, while the Higher level equates to a Foundation degree. A further level has recently been introduced, equivalent to an Honours degree.

Apprenticeships are available in a wide range of industries, including Financial Services, Science, Business Services, Retail, Engineering, Computing, Health and Social Care, Hospitality, and many others.

Information on apprenticeships, including vacancies, can be obtained through the websites of the National Apprenticeship Council www.apprenticeships.org.uk and www.notgoingtouni.co.uk UCAS also provides vacancy information through their UCAS Progress website www.ucas.progress.co.uk The Careers Adviser in school is also available to provide information, advice and guidance on apprenticeships.