

Post 18 options

# Alternatives to university

# Support within college

- Independent careers advisor
- Workshops about how to research the options
- Careers sessions to build / improve CV
- Interview preparation, incl mock interview
- July - Recent ex-students coming in to offer advice  
Careers Fair
- Year 13: email alerts about post-18 opportunities

<https://www.hopin.to.co.uk/virtual-employer-encounters/virtual-employer-encounters/>

Great set of recorded webinars showcasing what different careers involve.



### CAREERS AS A WEB DESIGNER

Find out about Careers as a Web Designer



### CAREERS AS A PERSONAL TRAINER

Find out about Careers as a Personal Trainer



### CAREERS IN SET AND PROP DESIGN

Find out about Careers In Set And Prop Design



### CAREERS AS A QUANTITY SURVEYOR

Find out about careers as a Quantity Surveyor.



### CAREERS IN RADIOGRAPHY

Find out about careers in Radiography



### CAREERS IN POLITICS AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Learn about careers in politics and public service



### CAREERS IN THE AMBULANCE SERVICE

Find out about careers in the ambulance service.



### CAREERS AS A BSL INTERPRETER

Find out about careers as a BSL Interpreter.



### CAREERS IN FORENSICS

Find out about Careers in Forensics



### CAREERS AS A MEDICAL WRITER

Watch now.



### CAREERS IN CABIN CREW

Find out more about Careers in Cabin Crew in this webinar.



### CAREERS IN PHARMACY

Find out more about Careers in Pharmacy



### CAREERS IN LOGISTICS

Find out more about Careers in Logistics.



### CAREERS IN PHOTOGRAPHY



### A CAREER WITH A DISABILITY

# Predicted Grades

**Predicted grades for use in applications are made in July, using all available information.**

**Trial Exams for Year 12: June 15 – 19**  
**2 exam papers per subject**



Apprenticeships



Employment



Art  
Foundation



Gap  
years

# Gap Years

<https://www.ucas.com/discover/gap-years>



## Gap years

Gap years can be used to enhance your CV, travel, learn new skills, and much more. Find out more and get some inspiration here.

# Independent Gap Advice

*Independent Gap Year Advice For Young People*

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<https://independentgapadvice.org/>

## Independent Gap Year Advice and Support for Young People



# Gap Years

Contact details for over 80 organisations offering gap year experiences available on the college network in [Pupils Read Only > Sixth Form > Gap Years](#)

**DATABASE OF ORGANISATIONS OFFERING GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITIES, April 2025 Edition. Produced by Gap Year Fairs**  
[www.independentgapadvice.org](http://www.independentgapadvice.org)

TYPE OF GAP YEAR	NAME OF ORGANISATION	PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS	PHONE	WEBSITE
Adventure Travel / Voluntary Opportunities	Oyster Worldwide	Adventure travel and volunteering opportunities in over 25 countries worldwide.	01892-770-771	<a href="http://oysterworldwide.com">oysterworldwide.com</a>
Adventure Travel	Gapforce	Group tours, marine conservation and leadership training.	020-73843028	<a href="http://gapforce.org">gapforce.org</a>
Art History / Italy / Culture	Art History Abroad	Enlightening cultural courses travelling throughout Italy. 2-6 weeks, all year round, dynamic on-site tuition in small groups	01379-871800	<a href="http://arthistoryabroad.com">arthistoryabroad.com</a>
Church-Based Projects (Latin America)	Latin Link - Step and Stride Teams	Step and Stride Teams get involved with practical projects, help in community and serve alongside the local church in Latin America	0118-957-7114	<a href="http://latinlink.org.uk/step">latinlink.org.uk/step</a>
Conservation	Earthwatch Institute (Europe)	An international environmental charity recruiting volunteers to join research projects operating all over the world.	01865-318838	<a href="http://earthwatch.org.uk">earthwatch.org.uk</a>
Conservation Volunteering UK	Action for Conservation	Residential summer conservation camps & information service on opportunities with other UK conservation charities.	07766-307-675	<a href="http://actionforconservation.org">actionforconservation.org</a>
Conservation Work with Wildlife	African Conservation Experience	Work with African wildlife and carry out valuable conservation work on Game and Nature Reserves in Southern Africa.	01454-269182	<a href="http://conservationafrica.net">conservationafrica.net</a>
Cookery & Recruitment for Ski Resort Work	Orchards Cookery Ltd	Training, recruiting chalet cooks 5 day / 2 week residential courses. Off to University course. Qualifies for Gold DoFE.	01789-490259	<a href="http://orchardscookery.co.uk">orchardscookery.co.uk</a>
Cookery Courses and Chalet Host Training	Fresh Tracks Chalet Hosting and Cookery	5-day course in Cornwall offering training on working a ski season as a chalet host or learning key life skills before University.	07497-368-663	<a href="http://freshtrackschaletschool.com">freshtrackschaletschool.com</a>
Cookery/Wine(Professional/Amateur Courses)	Leiths School of Food and Wine	Cookery school offering professional chef diplomas, enthusiast courses and online cooking courses.	0208-749-6400	<a href="http://leiths.com">leiths.com</a>
Expeditions / Environmental Research	British Exploring Society	Adventure and environmental research expeditions to remote wilderness environments worldwide.	020-7591-3141	<a href="http://britishexploring.org">britishexploring.org</a>
Gap Year Programme in Italy in Liberal Arts	John Hall Venice Course	arts and Culture gap year course in London, Venice, Florence, Rome.	020-8871-4747	<a href="http://johnhallvenice.com">johnhallvenice.com</a>
Industry: Science, Engineering, IT, Technology	The Year in Industry (YINI)	Degree-related, paid, year-long work placements in business, ICT, marketing, technology, science or engineering.	01707-906-106	<a href="http://etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry">etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry</a>
Internships / Career Experience (overseas)	Projects Abroad	Wide range of career experience placements in 30 countries around the world.	01903-708300	<a href="http://projects-abroad.co.uk">projects-abroad.co.uk</a>
Internships / Career Experience (overseas)	Changing Worlds	Providing a wide range of life-changing learning, volunteering and travel opportunities around the world.	0117-471-0635	<a href="http://changingworlds.co.uk">changingworlds.co.uk</a>
Language Courses Abroad	LANACOS	Certified residential courses (DoFE) 1 week to 1 year, approved by top universities, speak fast on a linguistic gap year.	01732-456543	<a href="http://lanacos.com">lanacos.com</a>
Language Courses Abroad	CESA Languages Abroad	1 to 16 week language courses + Academic Term / Year courses. All ability levels. In Europe, Latin America & Asia	01209-211800	<a href="http://cesalanguages.com">cesalanguages.com</a>
Languages / Hospitality Management (Paid)	Canvas Holidays	Paid summer work in campsites across Europe. Wide range of roles.	01383-629012	<a href="http://canvasholidays.co.uk/jobs">canvasholidays.co.uk/jobs</a>
Medical / Journalism / Other Work Experience	Global Volunteer Projects	Medical, Nursing, Physiotherapy & Journalism work experience projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America.	0191-222-0404	<a href="http://globalvolunteerprojects.org">globalvolunteerprojects.org</a>
Paid work/Internships abroad	Oyster Worldwide	Guaranteed work in Canadian ski resorts, hospitality/Outbank work OZ/NZ.	01892-770-771	<a href="http://oysterworldwide.com">oysterworldwide.com</a>

# When to apply?

- If you plan to take a gap year before going to university, it's best to apply to university while in Year 13 and tell the university you want to defer the start by one year
- Try to have some idea of what you will do on your gap year by the time you apply to university (the university will want to know that you will not be wasting the year)
- You would usually then make the actual arrangements for your gap year during Year 13
- **What to do now:**  
Do some research to make a long-list of things you might like to do on a gap year, then find organisations that can help you to achieve it.

# Art Foundation

Most students who complete an Art Foundation course after Sixth Form do it with:

- Hertford Regional College (Ware)
- Cambridge Regional College

The logo for HRC (Hertfordshire Regional College) consists of the lowercase letters 'hrc' in a white, sans-serif font, centered within a solid purple circle.

Chance to  
visit  
them...

28  
Apr

Open Event

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Ware Campus, Broxbourne Campus

> I want to know more

## Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (18+ only)

Course Code	Start Date	End Date	Location
ARDE301A.SP	01/09/2025	19/06/2026	Ware Campus

<https://hrc.ac.uk/our-courses/level-3-foundation-diploma-in-art-and-design-18-only/>

**Apply Now >**

This course helps students to bridge the gap between their Level 3 study and the Level 4 study of universities. Students on the course will learn a variety of industry skills, as well as learning to challenge pre-conceptions of what art can be, how to take risks and make exciting and innovative work. Students on this course will also get the opportunity to work on live briefs and exhibit work throughout the year in a professional gallery environment, helping to prepare them for further study and careers in the industry.



<https://www.camre.ac.uk/course/ual-level-3-foundation-diploma-in-art--design-post-18/MV1FDA/>

Chances  
to visit  
them...

**Cambridge Open Day**  
**Thursday 23rd April 2026**  
**4:30pm–7:00pm**

[Book here](#)

**Cambridge Open Day**  
**Tuesday 30th June 2026**  
**4:30pm–7:00pm**

[Book here](#)

## UAL Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art & Design (post 18)

### Course Information

Cambridge Campus, 01/09/2025

**Level:** 3

**Duration:** 1 Year(s)

**Start Date:** 01/09/2025

**Type:** Full Time

**Location:** Cambridge Campus

**Code:** MV1FDA

[APPLY NOW](#)

### About the Course

This pre-degree intensive course is an experience which will form the foundation of your professional arts practice for the rest of your professional life. Nurturing your understanding of global art, encouraging risk taking and invention this Study Programme will allow you to work to your strengths and embrace areas for development. The UAL L3 Foundation Diploma in Art & Design is a highly regarded course which has helped individuals to progress onto outstanding places in Higher Education and win national awards and commissioned work.

# When to apply?

- Most colleges accept applications for Art Foundation courses from around December of Year 13
- It's best to apply before February in Year 13 to secure your place
- By then, you need to make sure you have a varied portfolio of art work to take along to the interview
- **What to do now:**  
There are only a small number of local colleges you might do an Art Foundation course at, so contact them all to find out the details.

# Apprenticeships

Some of the possibilities ...



ACCOUNTING | ADVERTISING & MARKETING

AGRICULTURE | ANIMAL CARE | AVIATION

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION | CATERING

CREATIVE & DIGITAL | DENTAL NURSING



CONSTRUCTION | CUSTOMER SERVICE

CYBER SECURITY | EVENTS MANAGEMENT

FLORISTRY | HIGH PERFORMANCE ENGINEERING

HAIRDRESSING | HEALTH CARE | HOSPITALITY



HORTICULTURE | JOURNALISM | JEWELLER

LEGAL SERVICES | GAMES TECHNICIAN



POLICE OFFICER | PROJECT MANAGEMENT

SURVEYING | SOLICITOR | TEACHING

VETERINARY NURSING

# Levels of apprenticeship

<b>Intermediate ...</b>	<b>Level 2</b> (equivalent to GCSEs at C+ grade)
<b>Advanced ...</b>	<b>Level 3</b> (equivalent to A-levels)
<b>Higher ...</b>	<b>Level 4</b> (equivalent to 1 <sup>st</sup> year of degree)
<b>Degree ...</b>	<b>Level 5-7</b> (equivalent to a full degree)

# + / - of apprenticeships

## Good

- Recognised qualification after 1 – 5 years
- Training free if 19 or under
- Earn while you learn (eg. National Grid pays £19,800 starting salary)
- Over 90% of apprentices find employment on completion

## Bad

- Minimum wage for apprentices is £7.55 / hour
- Variable quality of training
- Not a wide range of employers in the Buntingford area

# When to apply?

- **Apprenticeships with big firms** often start in September and applications open up to a year in advance.
- **Apprenticeships with smaller, local firms** start year-round, and applications often open only a month or two before start date.
- **What to do now:**  
Look on companies' websites to see when they will be opening for applications

# How to find apprenticeships

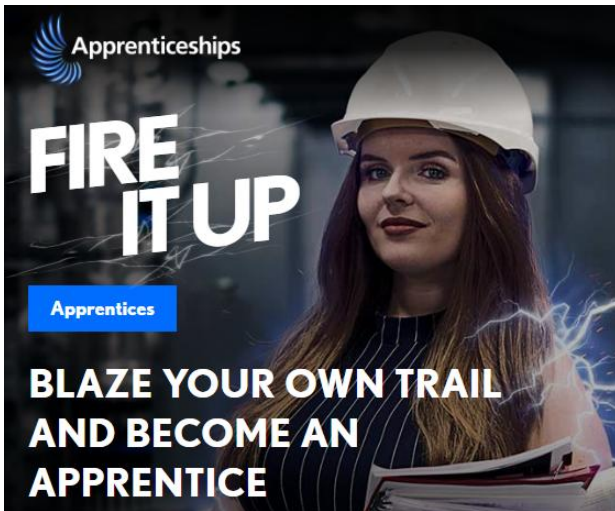
[www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)



**APPRENTICESHIPS**

# How to find apprenticeships

[www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)



This site will show most of the apprenticeships open for applications in the country.

You can register to receive alerts when a new apprenticeship opens in the field you want.

# How to find apprenticeships

[www.hopinto.co.uk](http://www.hopinto.co.uk)



This site only shows  
apprenticeships  
available in  
Hertfordshire

# How to find apprenticeships

[www.ucas.com/apprenticeships](http://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships)



UCAS has recently introduced an apprenticeship platform

Many apprenticeships ask for a minimum number of UCAS points.  
How many UCAS points are your qualifications worth?

<b>A-level</b>	<b>AS level</b>	<b>EPQ</b>	<b>Cam Tech in Sport</b>	<b>Cam Tech in Business or Health &amp; Social Care</b>	<b>UCAS points</b>
			<b>Distinction *</b>		<b>84</b>
			<b>Distinction</b>		<b>72</b>
<b>A*</b>				<b>Distinction *</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>A</b>			<b>Merit</b>	<b>Distinction</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>B</b>					<b>40</b>
<b>C</b>				<b>Merit</b>	<b>32</b>
		<b>A*</b>			<b>28</b>
<b>D</b>		<b>A</b>	<b>Pass</b>		<b>24</b>
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>			<b>20</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>		<b>Pass</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>			<b>12</b>
	<b>D</b>				<b>10</b>
		<b>E</b>			<b>8</b>
	<b>E</b>				<b>6</b>

The following slides show a selection  
of employers in our local area that  
offer apprenticeships

# Johnson Matthey

Royston and Brimsdown, UK

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Enhance your skills while achieving recognised qualifications at one of our key hubs in the UK.



Manufacturing  
Apprenticeships



Scientific Apprenticeships



Engineering Apprenticeships

<https://matthey.com/en/careers/apprentices>

# GlaxoSmithkline



Higher, Advance  
and Degree-level  
apprenticeships

## Artwork and design apprenticeships

Are you interested in a career in artwork and design? Find out about our apprenticeship opportunities in the UK.

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## Engineering apprenticeships

Do you want to design, install and maintain manufacturing technologies that save lives? Discover the opportunities within our engineering apprenticeship scheme in the UK.

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## IT apprenticeships

Do you want to train in information technology (IT) to deliver life-enhancing healthcare? Learn more about our information technology (IT) apprenticeships in the UK.

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## Laboratory apprenticeships

Do you want the chance to train, study and be paid? Find out about our laboratory apprenticeships in the UK.

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## Supply chain apprenticeships

Looking for an apprenticeship? Find out about starting your career in supply chain with GSK in the UK.

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## Manufacturing apprenticeships

Want to enhance your technical or functional expertise and improve your business knowledge with our manufacturing apprenticeship scheme in the UK?

<https://www.gsk.com/en-gb/careers/early-careers/apprentice-programmes/>

# Airbus

**AIRBUS** JOB SEARCH LOGIN Q ≡ MENU



- Engineering Undergraduate Apprenticeship (Airbus) ▼
- Supply Chain Higher Apprenticeship (Airbus) ▼
- Commercial Undergraduate Apprenticeships (Airbus) ▼
- Craft apprenticeship (Airbus) ▼
- Craft apprenticeship (Airbus Defence and Space) ▼
- Technical Data Apprenticeship (Airbus) ▼
- Engineering apprenticeship (Airbus Defence and Space) ▼
- Engineering apprenticeship (Airbus Helicopters) ▼

<https://careermap.co.uk/airbus-apprenticeships-blog/>

# Skanska

## In engineering:

- Civil engineer (apprentice)

## In operations:

- Planner (trainee)
- Estimator (trainee)
- Construction supervisor (trainee)
- Buyer (trainee)
- Design technician (trainee)
- Mechanical and electrical engineer (trainee)
- Street lighting (apprentice)
- Plumbing (multi-skilled) (apprentice)
- Piling (apprentice)
- Vehicle technician (apprentice)

## In commercial:

- Quantity surveyor (trainee)

## In our enabling functions:

- IT (apprentice)
- Finance (trainee)
- Administration (apprentice)

Skanska offers a mix of **apprenticeships** and **traineeships**

Traineeships are shorter (usually up to 6 months) and focus on providing hands-on experience and employability skills.

<https://www.skanska.co.uk/about-skanska/careers/early-careers/apprentices/>



Mercedes-Benz

<https://careers.mercedes-benz.co.uk/early-careers>



**Level 6 Chartered  
Manager Degree  
Apprenticeship**

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**Duration:** 4 years

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**Applications Open:**  
January 2024



**Level 6 Digital &  
Technology Degree  
Apprenticeship**

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**Duration:** 4 years

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**Applications Open:**  
January 2024



**Level 4 Data  
Fellowship  
Apprenticeship**

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**Duration:** 2 years

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**Applications Open:**  
January 2024

# Apprenticeships with **amazon**

<https://amazonapprenticeships.co.uk/our-programmes>

## Human Resources, Business Management, Finance and Procurement



Buying and Merchandising Apprenticeship >

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Project Management Apprenticeship >

Chartered Management Degree Apprenticeship >

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Recruitment Consultant Apprenticeship >

Product Manager Apprenticeship >

HR Consultant Apprenticeship >

## Digital



Data Analyst Apprenticeship >

Business Analyst Apprenticeship >

Solutions Architect Apprenticeship >

Software Development Engineer

Apprenticeship >

Cyber Security >

Dev Ops Apprenticeship >

## Marketing and Sales



Marketing Apprenticeship >

Sales / Account Manager Apprenticeship >

# Boots



Search to find out more about our teams



## Latest job opportunities

At the moment we don't have any opportunities within this area – but please come back soon as we update roles all the time.

Don't forget you can also follow us on **Twitter** and **Facebook** for the latest roles too.

## Higher Apprenticeship

**If you've finished your A Levels and would like to do a real job while you continue learning, there's no better place than Boots UK.**

We can offer you every opportunity to shine in a nurturing and rewarding environment. Our two-year programme in everything from Brand, Buying and Marketing through to Supply Chain will give you real exposure in a commercial environment. Successful completion of the Higher Apprenticeship could lead to progression onto our Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship. And there's a starting salary of £15,000 plus 25 days' holiday and great discounts.

**Technical Apprenticeship**

**Corporate and Support**

**Retail**

**Pharmacy**

**Optics**

[www.boots.jobs/early-careers/](http://www.boots.jobs/early-careers/)

[www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice](http://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice)



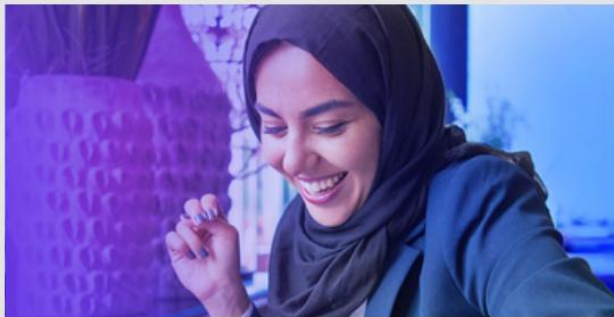
Audit Apprenticeships



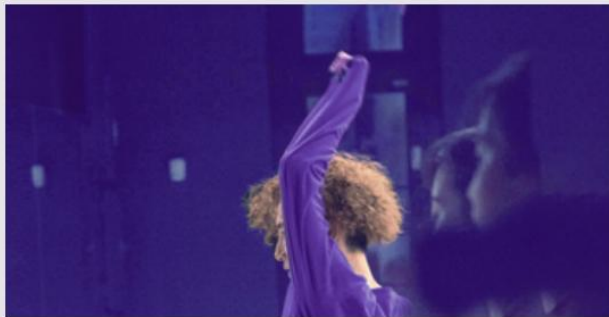
Technology & Engineering Apprenticeships



Consulting Apprenticeships



Tax & Law Apprenticeships



KPMG Business Services Apprenticeships



Work Experience

## Apprenticeship programme general overview

### About our apprenticeship programme

- Structured training for the ATT, ATT or CFAB. First step on your career as an accountant
- On the job training so you can immerse yourself in the business and build strong relationships
- Real work and client exposure allowing you to apply the theory you learn to real-life situations
- Supportive teams
- A variety of career routes to explore

<https://careers.pricebailey.co.uk/jobs/early-careers/>

# NHS nursing

**Trainee Nursing Apprenticeship**

leads on to

**Nursing Degree Apprenticeship**



<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/study-and-training/apprenticeships-traineeships-and-cadet-schemes>

Extensive list of apprenticeships with national companies on the college network, showing when they open for applications.

### Business and administration

	Employer	Role	Level	Location(s)	Starting Salary	Applications		Start Date	Link to application details
						Open	Close		
	National Highways	People Professional	5	Birmingham	£22,600	February 2025	March 2025	September 2025	<a href="https://amapps.uk/jan25nh3">https://amapps.uk/jan25nh3</a>
♥	Nestlé UK&I	Data Analyst Apprentice	4	Crawley	£24,375	Open now	March 2025	September 2025	<a href="https://amapps.uk/jan25nest1">https://amapps.uk/jan25nest1</a>
◆	Network Rail	Professional Diploma in Procurement & Supply	6	Milton Keynes	£24,500	February 2025	April 2025	September 2025	<a href="https://amapps.uk/jan25nr5">https://amapps.uk/jan25nr5</a>
◆	Network Rail	Project Management Apprenticeship	6	London Stratford	£24,500	February 2025	April 2025	September 2025	<a href="https://amapps.uk/jan25nr4">https://amapps.uk/jan25nr4</a>
◆	Network Rail	Supply Chain Leadership Professional Apprenticeship	6	Milton Keynes	£24,500	February 2025	April 2025	September 2025	<a href="https://amapps.uk/jan25nr3">https://amapps.uk/jan25nr3</a>
◆	Rolls-Royce PLC	Civil Aerospace Business Management Degree Apprenticeship	6	Derby	£21,776	Open now	February 2025	September 2025	<a href="https://amapps.uk/jan25rolls17">https://amapps.uk/jan25rolls17</a>

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing/>

# Looking for inspiration?

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/>

Long list of links to major UK apprenticeship providers.

Each link takes you to a page with details about the apprenticeships the company offers.



# Application process for apprenticeships

- Almost all applications are online
- Application form (+ CV for some)
- Assessment centre
- Interview (often by phone or video)

# Employment

FOUND 96 JOBS WITHIN 10 MILES OF SG9 9BT, BUNTINGFORD

Browse Search

Keywords  
Enter your keywords

Location  
SG9 9BT, Buntingford x

Within 10 miles v

Nationwide  
 Homeworking

▶ Sectors

▶ Salary Band

▶ Contract Type

▶ Hours

▶ Recruiter Type

SEARCH

Email me jobs like this

CREATE ALERT

Newest first | Distance

## SITE SALES REPRESENTATIVES

- Hertfordshire
- Competitive
- Wheatley Homes Limited

**Wheatley**

A Progressive and Expanding Development Company  
Operating In the Northern Home Counties Requires:...

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## IT TECHNICIAN

NEW

- Ware, Hertfordshire
- £9594 - £10502 actual Salary
- PINWOOD SCHOOL ACADEMY TRUST



Pinewood school is looking to appoint an IT Technician to join  
our staff team in Ware, Herts...

View details

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# + / - of employment

## Good

- Earning straight away (minimum wage higher than for apprentices)
- Less commitment than apprenticeship

## Bad

- Competing with candidates with more experience
- Lower earnings than workers with more qualifications?
- Not many big employers around here

# Finding direct employment

# FISH4JOBS

Candidates: [Login](#) | [Sign up](#)

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## FIND YOUR NEXT JOB



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EDUCATION



ENGINEERING



GRADUATE



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE



IT



SALES

BROWSE ALL SECTORS

BROWSE LOCATIONS



Jobs for School Leavers



Find a job with universal  
jobmatch



Browse jobs by location,  
category or company

The 'jobsite' logo is written in a large, bold, blue, lowercase sans-serif font.

Find a job, upload your CV and  
let recruiters find you

The 'fish4 jobs' logo features the text 'fish4 jobs' in white, lowercase, sans-serif font, enclosed within an orange rectangular border.

Find thousands of UK jobs from  
local newspapers

The 'indeed' logo is in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font, with a blue arc above the 'i'. Below it is the tagline 'one search. all jobs.' in a smaller, black, lowercase font.

Search this multiple jobsearch  
site

The 'AgencyCentral' logo features the text 'AgencyCentral' in a bold, sans-serif font, with 'Agency' in black and 'Central' in orange. Below it is the tagline 'The UK Recruitment Agency Directory' in a smaller, black font.

Find recruitment agencies and  
jobsites

The 'BROOK STREET' logo consists of the words 'BROOK STREET' in a white, uppercase, serif font, centered on a dark blue rectangular background.

Search the recruitment  
database for jobs

The 'UK JOBS NETWORK' logo features a white circular icon with a blue swirl on the left and the text 'UK JOBS NETWORK' in a white, uppercase, sans-serif font on the right, all set against a teal background.

Explore by area and type of job

The 'jobserve' logo features the text 'jobserve' in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font, with a black swoosh underneath. Below it is the website address 'www.jobserve.com' in a smaller, black font.

Register and receive job details  
by e-mail

The 'work thing' logo features the text 'work thing' in a lowercase, sans-serif font, with a stylized, multi-colored graphic element resembling a flower or a cluster of lines to its right.

Look for local vacancies



Choose from a wide range of  
options

# When to apply?

- Most job vacancies are only advertised a short while in advance, so you probably won't be able to sort things out as early as other students.
- If you have identified a local company you would like to work for, there is nothing to be lost by sending them a copy of your CV and a letter asking to be considered if they have any future vacancies.
- **What to do now:**  
Get your CV looking as good as it can be, by using the Unifrog CV-builder tool: [www.unifrog.org/student/cv](http://www.unifrog.org/student/cv)


# Application process for jobs

- Mostly CV + covering letter
- Interview likely
- Speculative applications?

# Alternatives to university




Apprenticeships



Employment



Art  
Foundation



Gap  
years