

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 14-18TH MARCH 2016



A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

As a parent you want your child to get the best possible start in their career. There are many options available to young people after they leave school. In this fact sheet we outline key information about the benefits of Apprenticeships as a route into a successful career.

What is an apprenticeship?



Our Braintree District Council Level 2 Apprentices

An apprenticeship is a paid job which provides training and work experience leading to a nationally recognised qualification.

Apprenticeships are open to anyone over the age of 16, living in England and are available in over 170 Industries including ICT, engineering, construction, accountancy and public services.

One of the reasons I enjoy being an apprentice is because every day is different. My apprenticeship allows me to get training on company systems that I would have never experienced at college.

Aaron Read, 19, Customer Services Apprentice,
Braintree District Council

What are the benefits?

Lack of experience is a major barrier to young people entering the increasingly competitive world of work. Apprenticeships offer young people the opportunity to gain valuable work experience, study towards nationally recognised qualifications and earn money whilst training.

Apprenticeship qualifications are available from GCSE to Masters Degree Level, and 19% of level 3 apprentices also go on to study at University.*

*Those completing a higher apprenticeship could see increased earnings of £150,000 over their lifetime.**

*90% of apprentices stay in employment after finishing their apprenticeship.**

**(source National Apprenticeship Service 2015)*

Level/Qualification	Equivalent to...
Intermediate Apprenticeships (Lv 2)	5 A*-C GCSEs
Advanced Apprenticeships (Lv 3)	2 A Levels
Higher Apprenticeships (Lv 4 & 5)	Higher national diploma or foundation degree
Higher Apprenticeships (Lv 6 & 7)	Bachelors & Masters Degree

DID YOU KNOW?

Due to new Government laws, young people born on or after 1st September 1997 must stay in education until they are 18. This could be;

- An Apprenticeship or Traineeship
- Full time study in school, college or with a training provider
- Full time work or volunteering combined with part-time education

If your child is interested in an apprenticeship you can find a range of resources, case studies and information about current vacancies online at:

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

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