



Chestnut Grove Academy

'A CREATIVE LEARNING COMMUNITY'

Apprenticeships advice for students, parents and carers

What are apprenticeships?

<https://youtu.be/MOELzj7MSAc>



- 1 An apprenticeship is a real job**
Available to individuals aged 16+ (with no upper age limit), apprentices are typically employed for at least 30 hours per week.
- 2 Apprentices are paid a salary**
All apprentices will earn a salary of at least the National Minimum Wage for apprentices which is currently £4.81* per hour. Many employers pay more!
- 3 Apprenticeships last a minimum of 12 months**
Most apprenticeships take between 1 - 4 years to complete. It will depend on the level and delivery model of the apprenticeship.
- 4 Apprenticeships range from level 2 to level 7**
There are apprenticeships at levels equivalent to GCSEs right up to Master's level and you can now achieve a degree through an apprenticeship.
- 5 Apprentices do not pay for their training**
All apprenticeship costs are paid for by the employer and/or the government meaning that an apprentice will never have to pay for their training.
- 6 Apprentices will receive paid off-the-job learning**
The equivalent of 6 hours per week of an apprentice's paid time will be spent undertaking off-the-job learning, gaining valuable skills and qualifications.
- 7 Apprentices will spend the majority of their time on-the-job**
Most of an apprentice's paid time will be spent on-the-job, working with colleagues to learn new skills and gain experience of the workplace.
- 8 There are thousands of apprenticeships in more than 170 industries**
New apprenticeships are advertised each week covering a wide range of job roles. You will be amazed at the variety and breadth available!

*The National Minimum Wage for apprentices is reviewed each April.

Discover more about apprenticeships:
www.amazingapprenticeships.com



You might be a little confused about the differences between apprenticeships and degrees:

Apprenticeship	University
Obtain industry-recognised qualifications	Obtain industry-recognised qualifications
Lasts 1-5 years	Lasts 3-4 years
On-the-job training	Academic study
Thousands of job roles available	Thousands of courses available
Opportunity to develop practical skills	Limited opportunities to develop practical skills
No tuition fees	Tuitions fees cost up to £9,250 per year
Paid salary with employee benefits	Entitled to student loans
High earning potential	High earning potential

Useful websites for further reading:

Amazing Apprenticeships

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com>

Amazing Apprenticeships have put all the essentials in one place – a quick overview of what you need to know now about apprenticeships, traineeships and higher and degree apprenticeships.

Apprenticeship Guide

<https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide>

The Direct Gov Website can be used to find out more about apprenticeships and search for live vacancies.