

# Welcome to the Sixth Form Progression Evening 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023



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# Some statistics -

- Students achieved 46% A\*-A; 81% A\*-C; 99% A\*-E
- 95% of students accessed their 1st choice university place
- 60% received offers from Russell Group universities
- Approximately 1/3 of students leaving the 6<sup>th</sup> form access Apprenticeships



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# Post 18 – Options

This evening sessions:-

- *Introduction to UCAS and Personal statement writing - Andrew Cooper from the University of Liverpool*
- *Apprenticeships – Types of Apprenticeships and Application process – Ian Lomas*
- *Student Finance – Apply for Tuition Fees, Maintenance Loans and repayments - Caitlin McEllenborough*
- *Revision Strategies and Well being – Sixth Form Team*



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# APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY

## UCAS & PERSONAL STATEMENTS

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Hybrid Events Coordinator

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## THINGS TO CONSIDER

Over 50,000 degree courses in the UK

Over 340 places to study at in the UK

Not just university, there are subject specific colleges and FE colleges that offer degree courses

You can study one, two or more subjects, do a sandwich year, do a masters or a degree apprenticeship

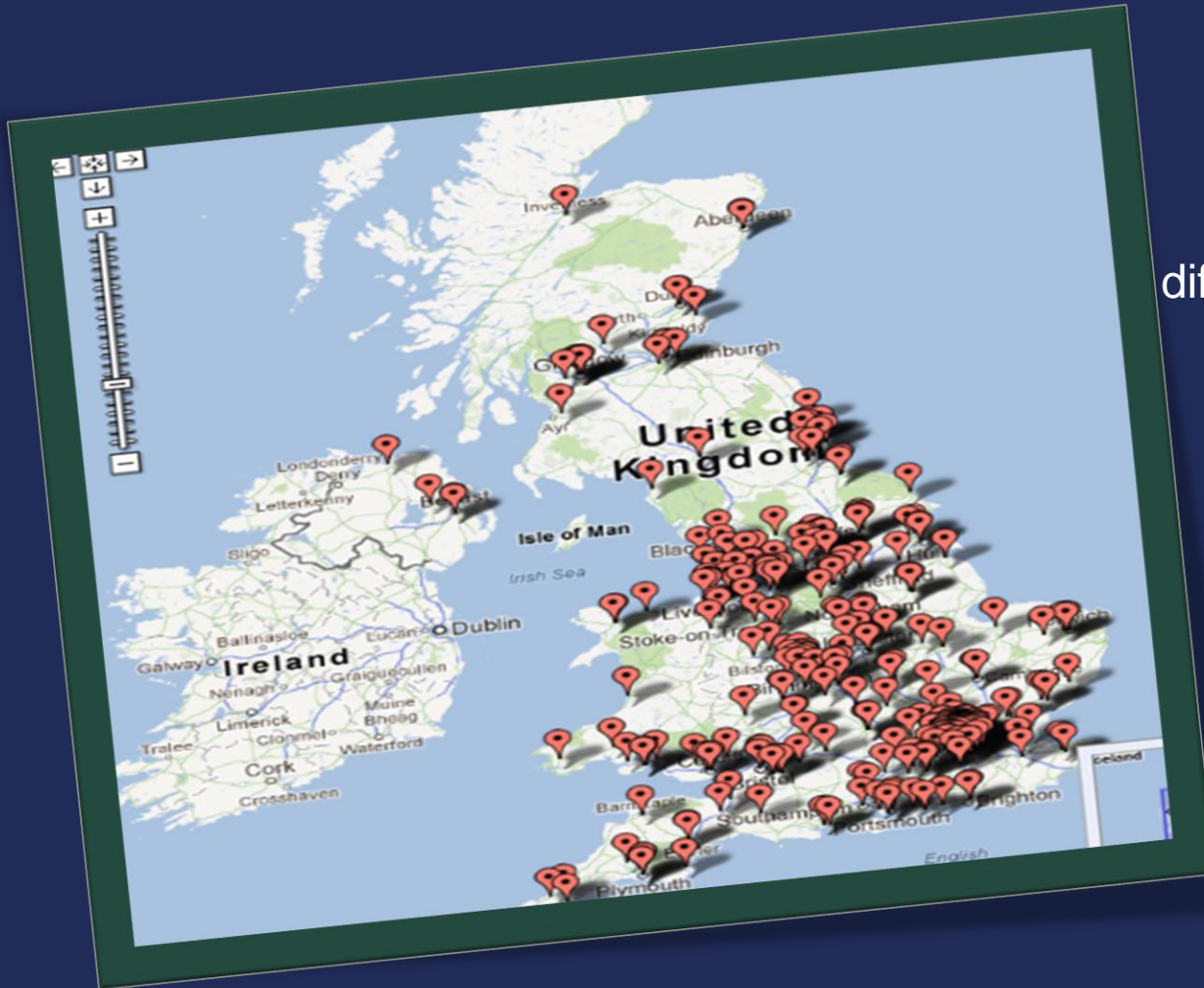
Plenty of PG or career based postgraduate courses on offer once you've graduated....

1. Course Choice
2. Jobs & Careers
3. Entry Requirements
4. Reputation
5. The University Facilities
6. Location
7. Accommodation
8. Support/Careers



You will have up to  
**5 choices**

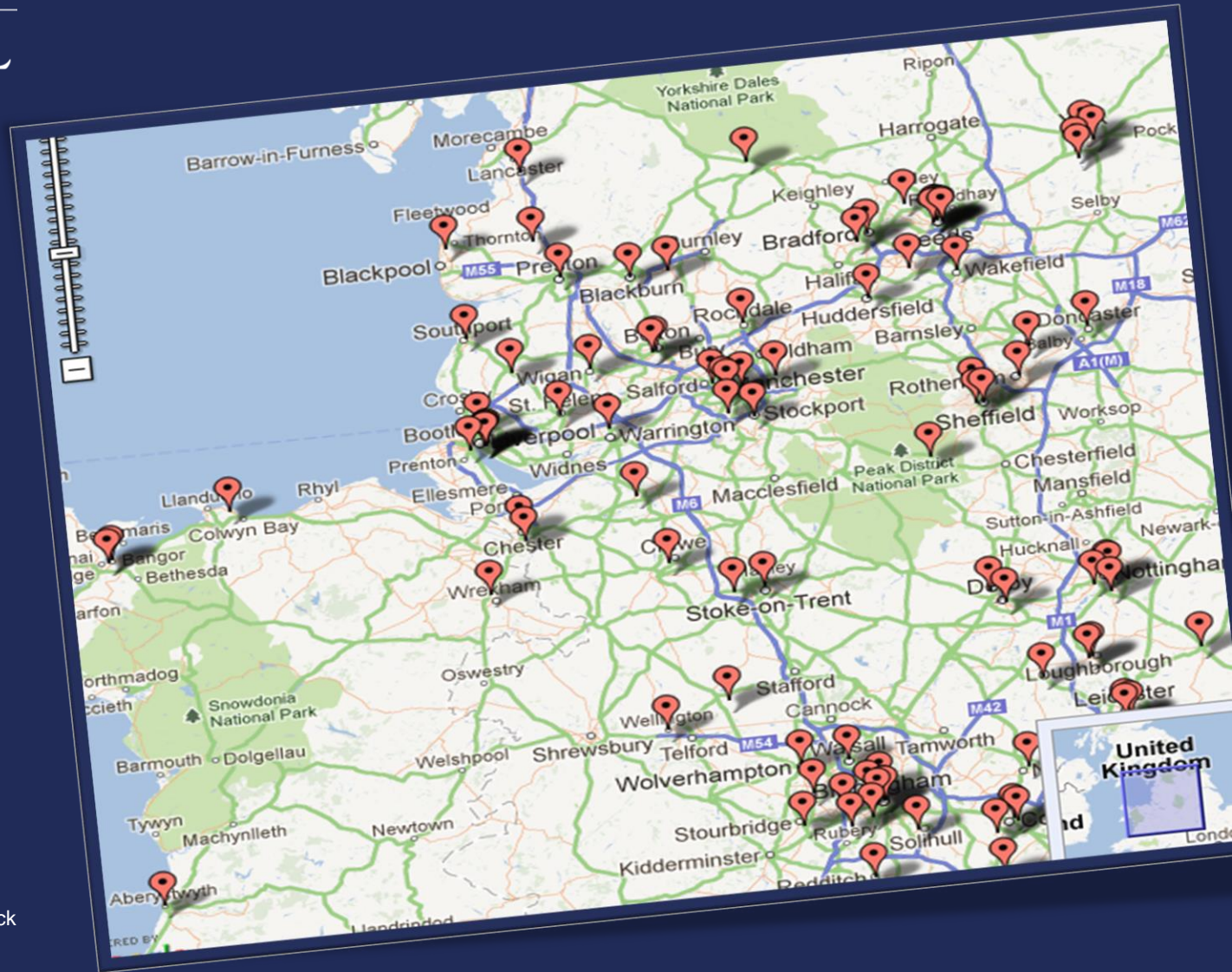
Choose from  
**around 350**  
different Universities!



- **4 in Northern Ireland**
- **15 in Wales**
- **18 in Scotland**
- **316 in England**



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## KEY DATES/TIMES – YEAR 12

May – July

- Visit universities on Open Days
- Start work on UCAS application and personal statement
- Start to narrow down choices





## KEY DATES/TIMES – YEAR 13

- September – November
  - Visit universities on Open Days
  - Finalise choices
  - Finalise and submit UCAS applications
- **College Deadline is important to ensure full forms are complete**

**Note: Deadline date for applications for Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Science is 15<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Note: School deadline October 2023**

## KEY DATES/TIMES – YEAR 13

### January

- **Deadline date for all other applications – January**
- Student Finance Applications open
- Receiving offers/interviews/auditions

### February – April

- Post Application Visits
- Receiving offers/interviews/auditions

### May

- Deadline date for deciding which offer to make Firm and Insurance
- Deadline date for finance applications

### May – June

- Exams – GOOD LUCK!

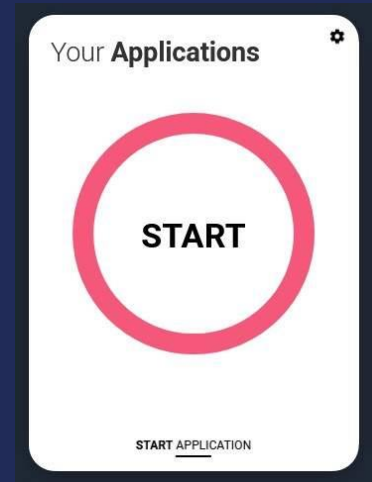
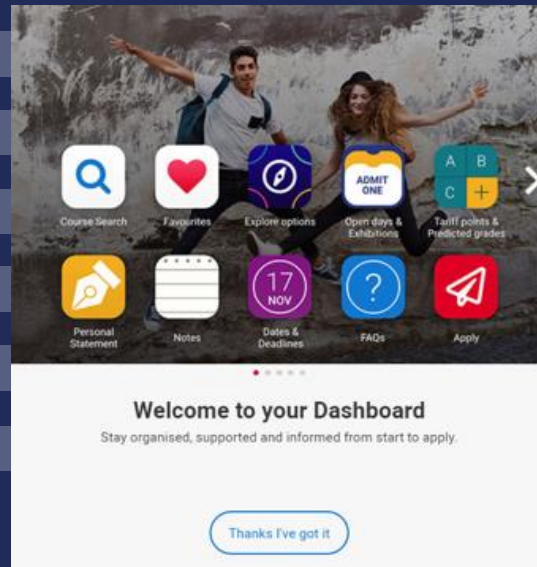
### August

- Results day
- Confirmation and Clearing



# UCAS

- 1 • Choosing courses
- 2 • Applying
- 3 • Offers
- 4 • Results
- 5 • Next steps
- 6 • Starting university or college



# REGISTERING

- To start an application you need a UCAS Hub account.
- Register for a UCAS Hub account at any time
- From May you'll see a new 'Your applications' tile in your UCAS Hub
- Click 'Start application' to get started...



## UCAS APPLICATIONS

- Fee of £27.50 to process
- Information on:
  - Contact details
  - Your school/college
  - Education history – include GCSES, current studies, other qualifications
  - Your choices
  - Personal Statement
  - Declaration
  - Reference from teacher



## ASSESSING YOUR APPLICATION

### Admissions Tutors look for:

- Whether you understand and suit the course/career
- Skills and experience

### They may use:

- Your academic profile
  - A-levels & equivalencies
  - GCSEs
- Additional tests, portfolio or EPQ
- Interview or audition
- Extra-curricular work experience or reading
- Your statement
- Your reference

## DECISIONS, DECISIONS.....

Universities will make a decision and respond back to you via UCAS Track  
You have till May (usually) to make your final decisions

Uni decision	Means....	Your decision	Means....
C	Conditional	F	Firm Choice
U	Unconditional	I	Insurance Choice
R	Rejected	D	Decline
W	Withdrawn		

## IMPORTANCE OF THE PERSONAL STATEMENT

This may be the only personal information an Admissions Tutor will get directly from you.

If you *are not* interviewed the decision is mainly based on your UCAS application.

If you *are* interviewed you may be asked questions about anything on your application form.

*Your personal statement examples will help differentiate your application from others with a similar academic profile.*



## PERSONAL STATEMENT BASICS

- A formal application
- You have 4,000 characters or 47 lines
- Ensure you address the requirements for all 5 courses
- Make sure your spelling, grammar and punctuation are correct
- Don't copy from friend, old examples or internet – UCAS has plagiarism software to detect

# PERSONAL STATEMENT CONTENT

## What to include?

- Look at university websites
- Ask university staff on Open Days or via email

## ***Ensure content is bespoke to your course!***

- You need to explain why you want to study the subject
- Detail what you have done to explore the subject
- Consider your audience
- Use appropriate examples and give details

# PERSONAL STATEMENT CONTENT



- Intellectual ability
  - Students likely to accept offer
- People who will make a contribution
  - An understanding of the course
    - Independent study skills
    - Time management skills
      - Research skills
- Enthusiasm to go beyond the syllabus
  - Self-awareness
  - Motivation and commitment
- Good numeracy and literacy
  - Essay writing skills

# PERSONAL STATEMENT





# STRUCTURE

## ■ Introduction

- Course choice and motivation, reasons for going to university

## ■ Main body of text

- School experience
- Work experience (paid or voluntary)
- Hobbies and interests outside of school
- Skills gained
- Career aspirations

## ■ Conclusion

- Don't let it fade away

## KEEP EDITING AND BACK UP



**A**CTIVITY: What have you done?

**B**ENEFIT: What skills have you gained?

**C**OURSE: How is it relevant to your course?

# OVERUSED OPENING STATEMENTS FROM UCAS APPLICATIONS 2013

I am currently studying a BTEC National Diploma in ...	464 times
From a young age I have always been interested in ...	309 times
From an early age I have always been interested in ...	292 times
Nursing is a very challenging and demanding career ...	275 times
For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated with ...	196 times
"Fashion is not something that exists in dresses only" ...	189 times
Nursing is a profession I have always looked upon with ...	178 times
For as long as I can remember I have been interested in ...	166 times
I am an International Academy student and have been studying since	141 times
Academically, I have always been a very determined and	138 times



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### **Register for a campus tour**

Whether you've missed our open days or you just want to come back again, sign up to join a student-led campus tour.



### **Discover our undergraduate on-demand content**

You can explore our undergraduate on-demand pages at any time, to discover more about your chosen subject area, as well as hear from students and even experience some taster lectures.



### **Open Days for 2024 entry**

Our Open Days in 2023 will be held on 23 and 24 June, 23 September and 14 October. Sign up for an alert when bookings open.

[www.liverpool.ac.uk/openday](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/openday)





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Scan to sign up

## University of Liverpool Open Days 2023

Friday 23 June 2023  
Saturday 24 June 2023  
Saturday 23 September 2023  
Saturday 14 October 2023

**CONTACT**

Online Open Weeks also  
available

**Our enquiries team**

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[www.liverpool.ac.uk/contacts](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/contacts)

**Speak to current students on Unibuddy!**

[www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/chat](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/chat)

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# Student Finance

Caitlin McEllenborough

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**UNIVERSITY  
OF THE YEAR  
SHORTLISTED**

Edge Hill University



# Aims

STUDENT LOANS COMPANY  
TUITION FEE SUPPORT  
MAINTENANCE SUPPORT  
REPAYING STUDENT LOANS  
ADDITIONAL SUPPORT  
APPYLING FOR STUDENT  
FINANCE

# Student Loans Company



# Student Loans Company

Who are they?

- Student Loans Company are run and owned by Government
- Not a **private** company, lender or a bank
- Each country in the UK has their own version depending on where a student lives
  - Student Finance England (SFE)
- Students apply for two loans from them:
  - **Tuition Fee Loan**
  - **Maintenance Loan**



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# What are Tuition fees?

Max £9,250 per year

Eligibility:

- UK citizen for 3 years
- Studying in UK for 3 years
- Studying in UK
- First Degree

*(There are some exceptions)*

**Repayable**

**Paid directly to your university**

**No up-front fees**



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# What does this cover?

- Lectures, seminars and tutorials
- Compulsory course field trips
- Professional Body Examination Fees
- University support services
- Access to university library
- Access to computer facilities
- Administrative costs
- Membership of a students' union



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# Maintenance Loan

Covers cost of **day to day** living

Part **non-means** tested, part **means-tested**

Means tested linked to **household income**

**Repayable**

Transferred to your account in **three** termly instalments - **September, January, April**



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# Maintenance Loan

What you can receive as a student depends on where you live and household income...

Student's living arrangement	Maximum amount from Student Finance England 2022/23*
Parental Home	£8,171
Elsewhere	£9,706
London	£12,667
Year abroad (as part of UK course)	£11,116

*\*amounts will be lower for final year students*

# Household Income

Based on **gross taxable** household income

Based on income of household where the student **predominantly** resides

Step parents/partners' incomes are **included** in household income

Assessed based on **prior financial year**

If income has **dropped** by more than 15% you can request a current year assessment

\*amounts will be lower for final year students

Household income	Home 2022/23*	Elsewhere 2022/23*	London 2022/23*
£25,000 & under	£8,171	£9,706	£12,667
£30,000	£7,484	£9,012	£11,961
£35,000	£6,796	£8,318	£11,255
£40,000	£6,108	£7,623	£10,549
£42,875	£5,713	£7,224	£10,143
£45,000	£5,420	£6,929	£9,843
£50,000	£4,733	£6,234	£9,136
£55,000	£4,045	£5,540	£8,430
£60,000	£3,597	£4,524	£7,724
£65,000	£3,597	£4,524	£7,018

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# Further Support

## Additional support from SLC:

- Disabled Students' Allowances
- Dependants' Grants
- Childcare Grant
- Parents' Learning Allowance

## Scholarships and bursaries:

- Universities set their **own criteria**
- Normally reward excellence in various areas or focus on lower income families
- Applications vs. guaranteed scholarships



<sup>36</sup> **Non-repayable**

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# EHU Scholarships

## Excellence Scholarship

Determination, Commitment and  
Achievement outside of your studies  
Worth up to £2000

## Sports Scholarship

Excellence in Sport: Gold, Silver & Bronze  
Worth up to £1000 per academic year

- Many more current student scholarships too!



# NHS Learning Support Fund

**NON-REPAYABLE PAYMENT OF £5000 PER ACADEMIC YEAR FOR STUDENTS STUDYING THE FOLLOWING COURSES AT AN ENGLISH UNIVERSITY:**

*Midwifery, Nursing (Adult, Child, Learning Disabilities, Mental Health, joint Nursing and Social Work), ODP, Dietetics, Dental Hygiene/Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Orthoptics, Prosthetics, Paramedicine, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Radiography (diagnostic and therapeutic), Speech and Language Therapy*

Plus additional funding:

**£2000** help towards childcare costs.

**£1000** if in a geographical region struggling to recruit.

**£1000** if studying a shortage group, which includes:

*Mental Health Nursing, Learning Disability Nursing, Radiography (therapeutic and diagnostics), Prosthetics and Orthotics, Orthoptics and Podiatry*

# Student Opportunity Fund

Worth up to £2000

Apply for financial support and take part in activities which enhance employability.

- A group of students travelled to New York to perform at the US launch of the Oxford Handbook of Dance and Wellbeing.
- Olivia made a feature-length documentary, following up on students' experiences in light of the Time Up Movement
- Healthcare students' placement in China through Harbin Medical University





# Part-time work

- Gives you a chance to earn extra money
- And to help with your budget!
- Meet new people and make an impression
- Can add to your transferable skills to enhance future employment
- Advantage platform brings together all extra-curricular activities available on campus, including jobs



# Repaying your Student loan





# How repayment works

The two loans are **combined** together

Start to repay once:

- You've **graduated**
- You're earning **above £27,295\***  
(\*subject to DfE change)

You will repay **9% of your income** above the repayment threshold of **£27,295\***

\*subject to change



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# Repayment Thresholds

If you move or work overseas, repayments will still be taken

After 30 years\* of repaying, whatever's left over is written off completely

You will only ever repay from when you're earning above £27,295\*

\*subject to change

Yearly income before tax	Monthly income before tax	Monthly repayment (Approx.)*
£27,295	£2,274	£0
£30,000	£2,500	£20
£35,000	£2,916	£57
£40,000	£3,333	£95
£45,000	£3,750	£132
£50,000	£4,166	£170
£60,000	£5,000	£245

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## Interest Rates

Whilst studying and until the April after leaving the course - RPI + 3% (1.5%)\*

From April onwards - RPI + 3% (4.5%)\*

Salary	Interest Charged*
£27,295 or less	RPI (currently 1.5%)
£27,295 to £49,130	RPI + up to 3%
Over £49,130	RPI + 3% (4.5%)

- Early repayment is **not** particularly advised
- Repayments taken **directly** from salary
- Talk to your religious leader for advice where required

\*subject to change



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# Repayment Scenario

## Scenario 1:

Student loan £20,000. Your earnings £30,000. Your annual repayment is £240

## Scenario 2:

Student loan £50,000. Your earnings £30,000. Your annual repayment is £240

Students should see this as a **9% higher tax rate**

*‘Student loans’ is a misnomer - elsewhere similar schemes are called a ‘graduate contribution’ system. We should call it this too.*

*Martin Lewis, Money Saving Expert*



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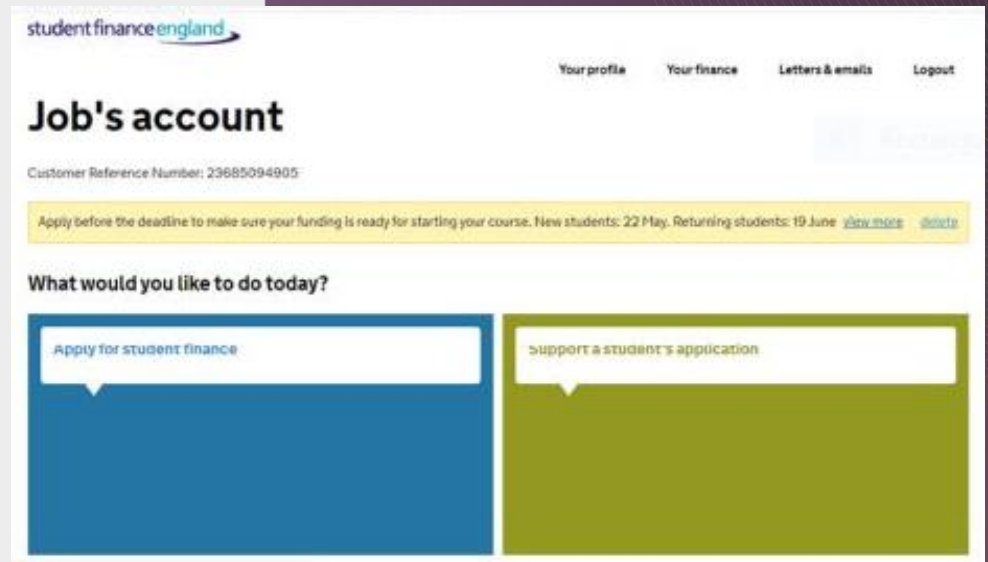


# Applying for Student Finance



# Application

- Online application
- Applications **now open**
- Apply as early as possible
- Closing date **20<sup>th</sup> May**
- You will need to provide your National Insurance Number



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## Role of the supporter

A parent/carer/partner who provides some details to support an application

They will be sent an e-mail with log-in details after the student starts the application

Supporter needs to fill in income details - may need to provide evidence

Gross financial income for prior tax year (unless this has dropped by 15% or more)

<sup>4</sup>  
<sup>8</sup> Don't immediately need any evidence but good to save it in case!

Will be asked for the number of dependants who are both wholly, and partially financially dependent on you



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# Useful documents

**Students** should have the following to hand:

- Passport - if available, but not essential
- University and course details
- Bank account details
- National Insurance number

**Supporters** should have the following to hand:

- National Insurance number
- Household income information (based on prior tax year)

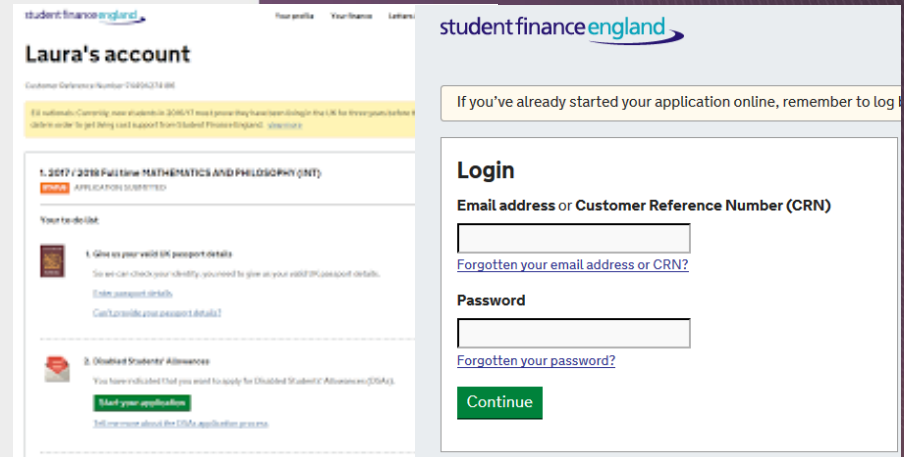


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# Submitting your application

- Once completed, a page will come up
- Pay attention to this as it will show you what to do next (if anything)
- You maybe required to upload or send documents to Student Finance
- Log back into your account to track your application



The image shows two screenshots from the Student Finance England website. The left screenshot is titled "Laura's account" and shows a user's profile with a "Your todo list" section. The first item is "1. 2017 / 2018 Full-time MATHEMATICS AND PHILOSOPHY (INT)" with a status of "APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED". Below this, it says "Your todo list" and lists "1. Give us your valid UK passport details" with instructions to check validity and provide details. The second item is "2. Disabled Student's Allowance" with a "Start your application" button. The right screenshot shows a login form with the heading "Login" and fields for "Email address or Customer Reference Number (CRN)" and "Password", each with a "Forgotten your [email address or CRN] / password?" link. A green "Continue" button is at the bottom.



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## Key Messages

- Apply **early** - can take up to six weeks
- Previous study **does not include** your GCSE/A-Level/BTEC qualifications
- **Don't need** a confirmed place to apply
- Agree to **share** information
- Only receive money when **enrolled**
- A late application can result in late payment
- **Re-apply** every subsequent year
- **Submit** Online Terms and Conditions (OTC) via the online account with an e-signature





# Overview

Financial support available	
Tuition fee loan	Maintenance loan
Paid direct to your University	Paid in instalments direct to you
Up to £9,250	Household situation
Repayable	Repayable

Both loans are optional

Only start to make repayments once:

- you've left university
- your income is **over £27,295** a year\*
- If you earn below £27,295 repayments

**stop\***  
\*subject to change



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**General Information:**

[www.thestudentroom.co.uk/student-finance](http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/student-finance)

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

[www.moneysavingexpert.com](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com)

**Student Finance:**

[www.gov.uk/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance)

**EU and International Students:**

[www.ukcisa.org.uk](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk)

[www.study-uk.britishcouncil.org/moving-uk/eu-students](http://www.study-uk.britishcouncil.org/moving-uk/eu-students)

**NHS Bursary & Learning Support Fund:**

[www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-bursary-students](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-bursary-students)

**Student Budget Calculator:**

[www.which.co.uk/money/university-and-student-finance/student-budget-calculator](http://www.which.co.uk/money/university-and-student-finance/student-budget-calculator)

**Student Finance England:**

0300 100 0607 or @SF\_England

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**Saturday 11th June 2022**

**Saturday 20th August 2022**

**Saturday 17th September 2022**

**Saturday 15th October 2022**

**Saturday 19th November 2022**

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# Introduction to apprenticeships

For Parents and Carers

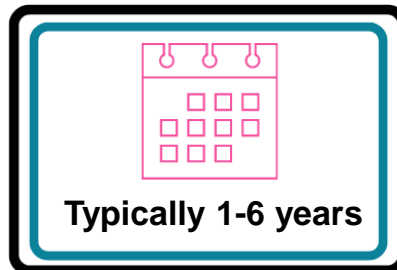
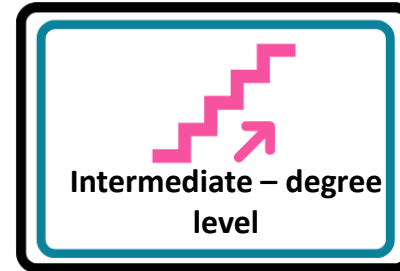
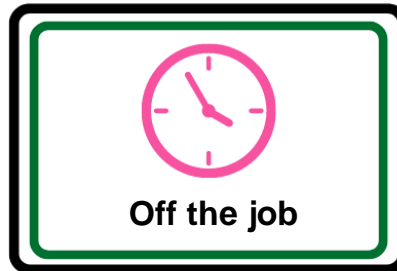


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ASK  
PROGRAMME**

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APPRENTICESHIPS  
TRAINEESHIPS  
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# What are apprenticeships?



# Apprenticeship level



Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade A*-C or 4-9
Advanced	3	2 A Levels / Level 3 diploma / international Baccalaureate
Higher	4,5,6 & 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 & 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

# Higher and degree apprenticeships

Work full time and study part-time



**Learning**



**Salary**



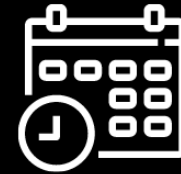
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**NUS**



**Experience**



**4-6 Years**

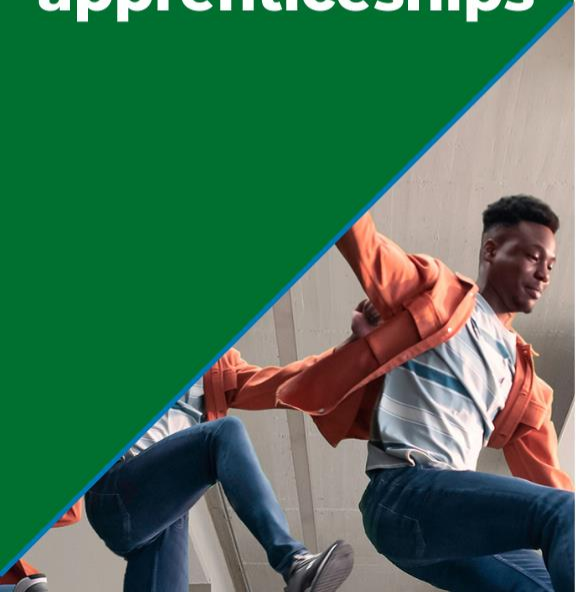


**University fees paid by employer and/or government**

**100+ Universities offer apprenticeships**



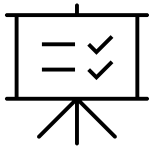
# Truth about apprenticeships



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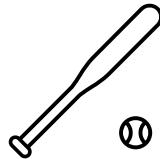
# Range of apprenticeships

## Business



Audit  
Manager  
HR

## Sport



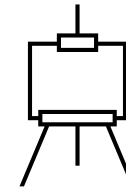
Coaching  
Safety  
Trainer

## Beauty



Hairdressing  
Barbering  
Therapist

## Law



Graphic  
Fashion  
Interior

## Health



Paralegal  
Solicitor  
Prosecution operations

## Media & Art



Nurse  
Dental Technician  
Veterinary Nurse

# Which employers offer apprenticeships?

**AIRBUS**

**BBC**

**pwc**

**British Gas**

★ **PRET** ★

**BAE SYSTEMS**

**JAGUAR**

**pets at home**

**MINI**

**sky**

**FUJITSU**

**Specsavers**

**ROLLS ROYCE**

**gsk**

**itv**

**BMW**

**NetworkRail**

**LAND ROVER**

**Starbucks**

**ROYAL AIR FORCE**

**BRITISH AIRWAYS**

**ASOS**  
discover fashion online

**Santander**

**G**

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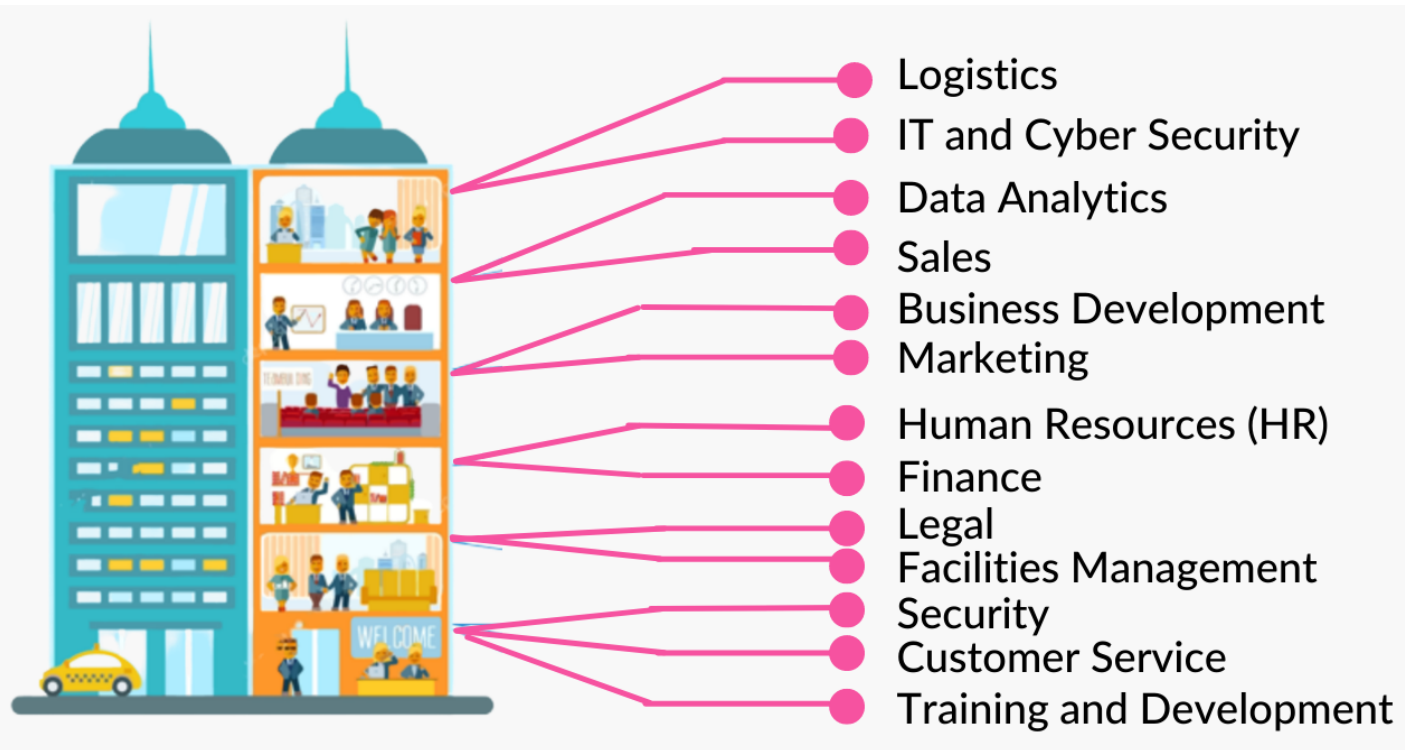
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# Look inside the company



**Are there any  
vacancies near  
me?**

Radius	Number of vacancies
5 miles	25
10 miles	187
15 miles	422
20 miles	634
England	10000



# Apprenticeship jobs in the local area

Job opportunity	Closing date	Weekly salary	Annual salary
Business Administration L3 – Walker Engineering	30 <sup>th</sup> June		£10,982
LGV Mechanic L3 – Chris Hayter Transport	15 <sup>th</sup> June		£16,640
Tax Assistant Apprentice L4 - Fairhurst	13 <sup>th</sup> May		££10,296-£20,319
Civil Engineering Degree Apprenticeship - WSP	26 <sup>th</sup> May		£18,000

# How do you find an apprenticeship?



Register on Find  
An Apprenticeship



Manage your alerts



Do your research



Contact companies



Search and apply

To find an  
apprenticeship  
visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)



# Where else to look

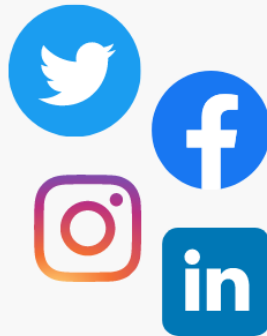
## [Home Page - BeMore \(lcrbemore.co.uk\)](https://lcrbemore.co.uk)

The screenshot shows the BeMore website home page in a browser window. The browser's address bar displays <https://lcrbemore.co.uk>. The page header includes logos for the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, the Metro Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, and the European Union European Social Fund. The main heading is "BE MORE" with a colorful underline. Below this is a navigation menu with links for Apprenticeships, Careers, Employer Support, LCR Jobs, News / Features, Youth Hub, Sign in, and Sign up. A search bar is located below the navigation menu. The main content area features a large white oval with the text "Your Future Starts here..." and "There is something for everyone! So, what are you waiting for, it's time to Be More!". At the bottom of the oval are the same logos as in the header. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screen, showing the date as 06/02/2023 and the time as 11:46.

# Where else to look



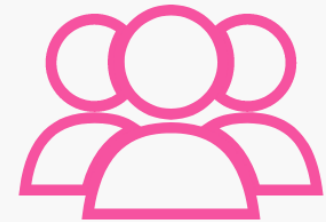
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Social media



Higher and Degree



Your family or friends



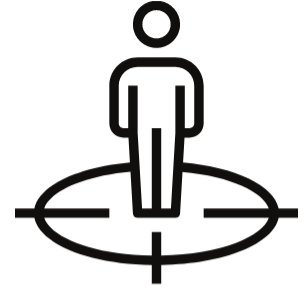
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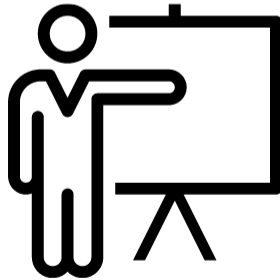
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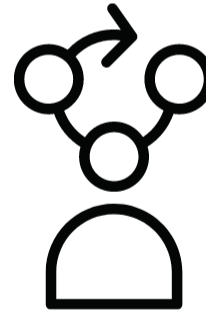
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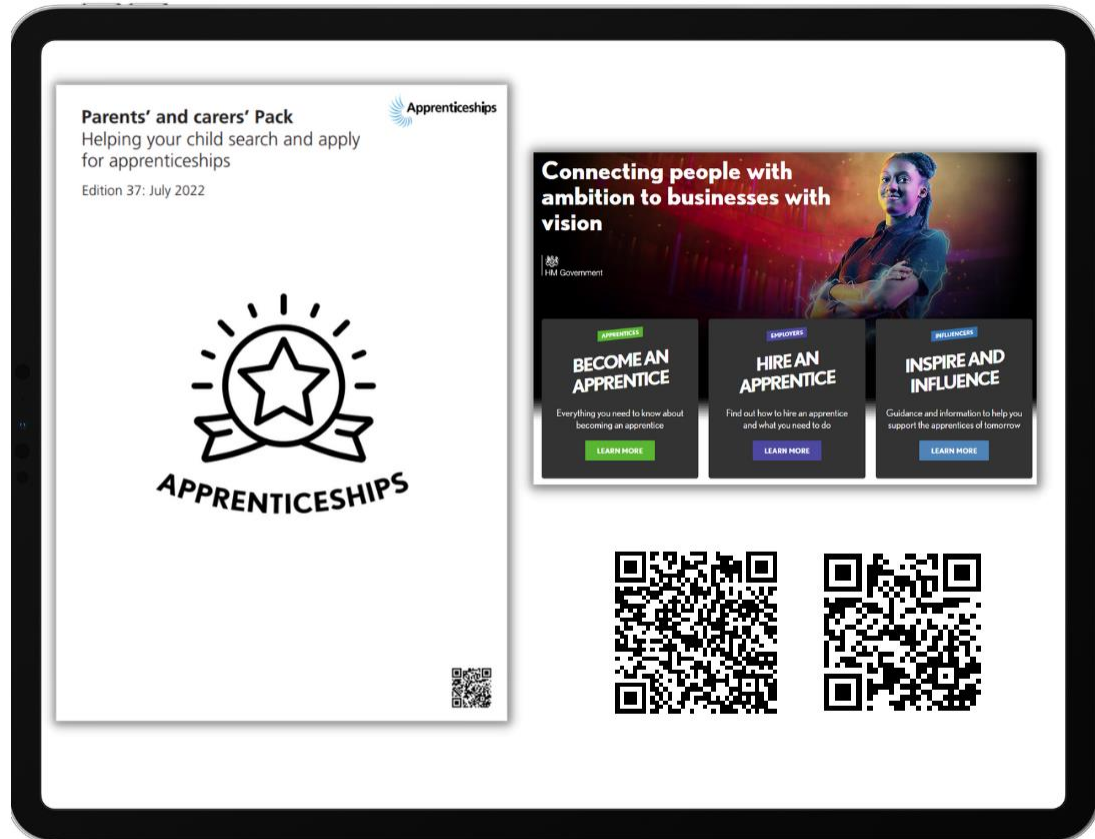
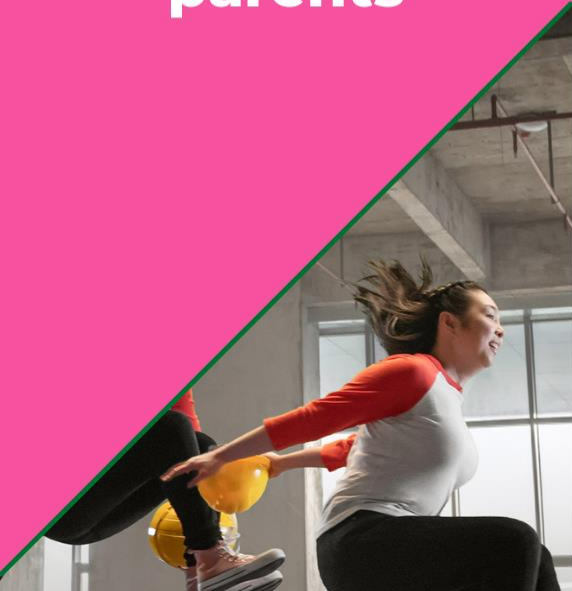



Varied role





Ethos and  
values

# Resources for parents




**Parents' and carers' Pack**   
Helping your child search and apply  
for apprenticeships  
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**Connecting people with  
ambition to businesses with  
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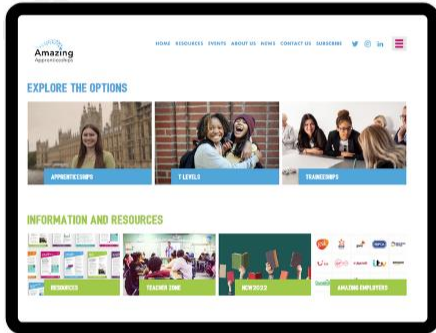


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[Apprenticeships.gov.uk](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)

# More information



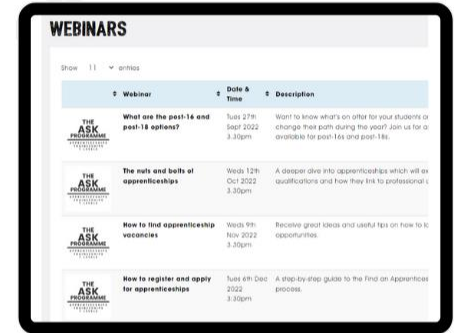
Amazing Apprenticeships website



Guide to apprenticeships: Parents



Parent Perspective Podcast



Workshops and webinars



# Explore your education and training choices

Still not sure what's next for you? Whether you know where you're heading or not knowing about the different routes open to you is a great place to start.



**GET  
THE  
JUMP**  
**SKILLS  
FOR LIFE**

**Any questions?**

