



IT'S NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK #NAW2026

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APPRENTICESHIPS

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WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

- **Workplace learning and assessment**
- **Fulltime paid employment (30+ hours)**
- **On the Job Training** – Employer led learning
- **Off the Job Training** – Training provider led learning
- **One industry area** – specialised focus



HOW IS AN APPRENTICESHIP BROKEN DOWN?

- You will work alongside your employer at your place of work for 4 days a week (80% of your time).
- The other 20% is the off-the-job training required to gain your qualification. This is done with a training provider.
- You will be required to work for a minimum of 30 hours per week including your study time, most apprenticeships are typically a 37 hour week. (FYI at school you are currently doing 32.5 hours a week).
- You will be employed, meaning you have to abide by employment law and will have a contract of employment

Day release	You will attend College one day per week, at one of our campuses – either Bridgwater, Taunton or Cannington depending on programme.
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Block release	You will attend College for a whole week periodically throughout the year, e.g one week every 2 months
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Workplace	You won't need to attend College at all!
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6 COMPONENTS TO YOUR APPRENTICESHIP JOURNEY

1. **Apprenticeship Standard:** Skills, Knowledge & Behaviour achieved through successfully passing your EPA (End Point Assessment)
2. **Personal Development & Wellbeing**
3. **UCS Elevate (BTC Advantage):** Helps develop your behaviour and supports your development and welfare
4. **Careers Information Advice & Guidance:** Helps you explore your career beyond your apprenticeship and achieve your career goals
5. **Attaining or Maintaining your English & Maths:** You'll be required to develop your skills by using these in both the workplace and in college
6. **Qualification:** Formal qualification included as part of your apprenticeship journey. This links into the apprenticeship standards Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours and will need to be completed alongside your apprenticeship standard to allow you to complete End Point Assessment



APPRENTICESHIP SUBJECTS

Art, Fashion & Textiles

Catering & Hospitality

Construction

Electrical

Fashion & Textiles

Horticulture

Sports Turf

Agriculture

Automotive

Civil Engineering

Countryside Management

Engineering

Food & Drink Manufacturing

Plumbing

Animal Care & Management

Business Management & HR

Computing & Digital

Early Years & Education

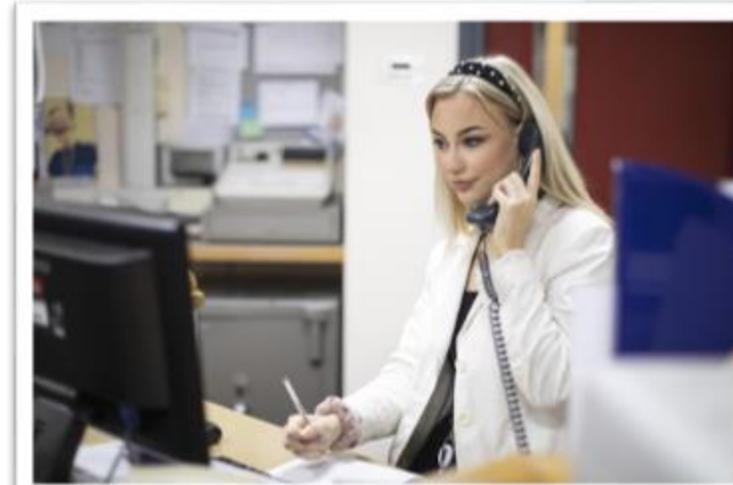
Health, Social Care & Nursing

Nuclear Engineering

Sports Coaching & Fitness

WHY AN APPRENTICESHIP?

- 16 - 65 years old
- Learning from experienced colleagues
- Earn as you learn (£8.00 per hour)
- Employee benefits
- Progression to Higher Education



PLACES TO LOOK FOR EMPLOYERS

- UCS College Group website - <https://www.ucscollegegroup.ac.uk/>
- National Apprenticeship Service - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- Ask friends and family
- Attend Careers / Jobs fairs
- Speak to our apprenticeship team at an Open Event



Find an employer

When you apply for an apprenticeship with us:

1. **Join our Talent Pool:** gain early access to apprenticeship vacancies
2. **Apply for live roles:** search our listings or the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) website
3. **Find your own employer:** we'll help you to perfect your CV, interview, and outreach skills.

If you already have an employer, we'll arrange a workplace visit to make sure the role fits your chosen apprenticeship programme.

[Visit the National Apprenticeship Service website →](#)

[View our apprenticeship vacancies →](#)



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Find an apprenticeship

Use this service to search and apply for apprenticeships in England.

During an apprenticeship, you'll:

- work and get paid
- train and gain a qualification



APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS

- **A strong CV – sell yourself!**

Include your transferable skills and any relevant work experience

- **A cover letter that gets you noticed**

Tailor it to the specific apprenticeship

- **Speculative emails**

Visiting employers in person is also good

- **Interview skills**

It may be your first interview so it's important to make sure you're prepared



CAREERS & APPRENTICESHIP JOBS FAIR

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2026

5:30PM - 7:30PM | THE VENUE @ JUNCTION 24

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