



Post 18 Pathways Evening

Richard Hale Sixth Form 2026



Dr Coote

Sixth Form Timeline for Post 18 applications



Pathways Evening Outline:



Richard Hale Post 18 Timeline

University Route

Apprenticeship Route

Alumni Presentations

Questions

Post 18 application

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November - December 2026

- Form tutors write UCAS references
- **School deadline: Pay and Send by Fri 13th Nov 2026**
- Sixth Form Team reviews applications
- References and grades uploaded
- Oxbridge interview invitations issued
- Offers and interviews begin coming in

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Post-18 Pathways



**The University
Application Process 2026**

2027 key dates

- 2026
- APR 28 UCAS' search tool displays 2027 courses
- MAY 05 The adviser portal opens for 2027 entry
You can set up your adviser portal ready for your students to link to your centre.
- MAY 12 Undergraduate applications open for 2027 entry
Students can start their applications and send them to you for references and approval.
- JUL 09 Conservatoire applications open for 2027 entry
Applicants can register, pay, and send their applications.
- SEP 01 Completed undergraduate applications can be submitted to UCAS
- OCT 01 (18:00 UK time) Application deadline for conservatoire music applications
Applications for dance, drama, and musical theatre courses may have a different deadline – check conservatoires' websites for information.
- OCT 15 (18:00 UK time) Equal consideration date for applications to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science
The reference must be completed before the application can be sent to us.

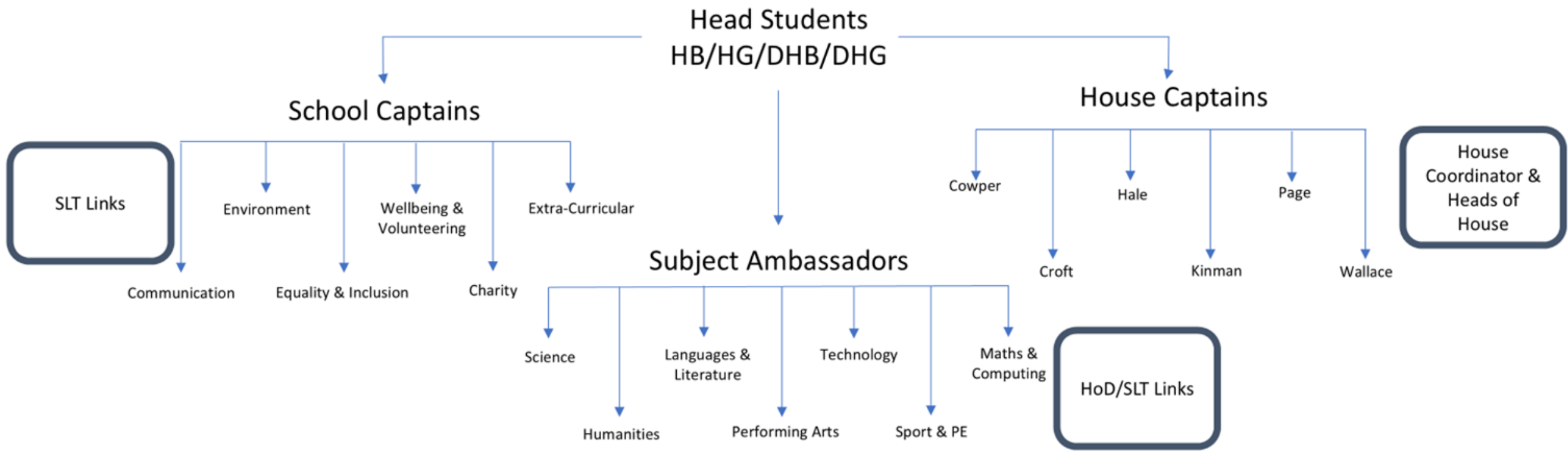
INTERNAL DEADLINES

Oxbridge applicants:
'Pay and Send' by

- **Fri 1st Oct 2026**

All other university applicants:
'Pay and Send' by

- **Fri 13th Nov 2026**



Reminder: Senior Student positions

Lucy Gallagher

The University Route and UCAS

UCAS



Post 18 Choices

School leaver program

Work

Gap year

University

Apprenticeship

Dual application pathway

Spartan Test



UCAS Applications

Personal Statements - now 3 questions:

- Question 1 : Why do you want to study this course or subject?
- Question 2 : How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?
- Question 3 : What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and how are these experiences useful?



Question 1:

Why do you want to study this course or subject?

This is your opportunity to showcase your passion and knowledge of your chosen subject area.



Your motivations for studying the course



Your knowledge of this subject area and interests



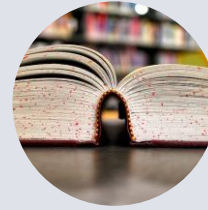
Super curricular reading and activities as evidence of curiosity and interest in the subject



Your future plans and why this is a good fit for you

Question 2:

How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?



How your studies or training relate to your chosen course



What relevant or transferable skills you have that make you a great candidate



Any relevant educational achievements



Leadership roles

Question 3:

What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?



Work experience, employment or volunteering



Life experiences or responsibilities



Hobbies and extracurricular



Achievements out of school

Enrichment



Get involved...



Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh Presentation Evening

On the evening of Tuesday 28th February, we held a presentation ceremony to honour the participants of last year's Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Sixty-three boys successfully completed their Bronze Expedition last June in North Hertfordshire, demonstrating self-sufficiency by carrying all necessary supplies for two days and one overnight.



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👏 A Standing Ovation for Our Senior Production of The Addams Family! 🎭
What an absolutely fantastic show! A huge congratulations to all our talented students and the incredible band who brought this spooky, kooky, and altogether ooky production to life! Fro... See more



Something to write about...



Extra Curricular

- House events
- Sporting clubs
- Mentoring
- Volunteering
- Paid work

Transferable skills



UCAS POINTS



A Level	
Grade	UCAS Tariff points
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

BTEC Extended Diploma	
Grade	Tariff points
D*D*D*	168
D*D*D	160
D*DD	152
DDD	144
DDM	128
DMM	112
MMM	96
MMP	80



UNIVERSITY CHOICE



Campus

City

Collegiate

Foundation

Ranking

Facilities and Societies

Sporting



Your Choice

University Groups and Rankings

- Russell Group Universities
- 1994 Group - links to industry; work placement years
- University Alliance
- Red Brick 6
- Million +
- Oxbridge



- Check the course
- Check the entry (including GCSEs)
- Visit on an open day
- Check the rankings
- Speak to students/alumni
- Other opportunities
- Accommodation



Choosing a Course



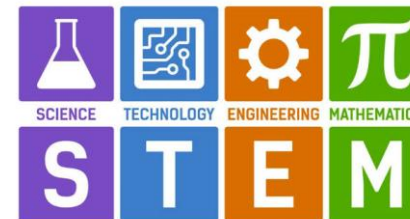
32,000
undergraduate
courses



Even in clearing in
2025, 32,000
different courses
were still listed



Foundation
Courses



Joint Honours
Placement Years
A Year Abroad

FINANCE

“Price of a mobile phone”

“Earning potential”

“Experiences beyond studies”

“Year abroad or Work Placement Year”

“Scholarships and Bursaries”

Tuition Fees - £10,050

Maintenance Loans - £10,830



FINANCE

You repay 9% of everything above £25,000 threshold

- As most people are paid monthly - you pay 9% above the equivalent £2,083/month
- The loan is automatically wiped after 40 years (or if you die)
- It doesn't go on your credit file
- You do still need to repay if you move overseas
- You repay automatically via the payroll, like income tax - freelancers and the self-employed will have to pay, once earnings reach the threshold.

What you'll repay on a **Plan 5** student loan

Salary	What you'll repay each year
£24,000	You don't pay
£26,000	£90/year (9% of £1,000)
£35,000	£900/year (9% of £10,000)
£50,000	£2,250/year (9% of £25,000)
£100,000	£6,750/year (9% of £75,000)

Maintenance Loan

- There are loans to help cover accommodation and **living expenses**.
- These are means tested, so households will be expected to support students with the cost of university - over certain thresholds.
- [Martin Lewis](#) provides excellent advice and explanations about university costs and has helpful information and guides for parents.
- Researching universities, accommodation costs, living costs is all an important part of the process. There is a London weighting, as it is recognised that costs in the capital can exceed elsewhere for instance.

If you earn £35,000 per year...

Owe
£20,000

Repay
£900/year

Owe
£50,000

Repay
£900/year

Or let's say tuition fees ridiculously rose to **£1,000,000/year** and you:

Owe
£3,000,000

Repay
£900/year

Do Graduates earn more?

There will be many factors that affect this but...



Early career earnings often higher



Long-term earnings - by age 31, graduates show greater gap in earning (up to 37% more than non)



Sector differences - finance/professional services



Regional differences - industries for the future; salary premiums

Useful information sources

Content	URL
UCAS - search, find course info, register, complete and send application	www.ucas.com
Student Finance England	https://www.gov.uk/browse/education/student-finance
The student room - forums and Q&A's for all elements of university life	http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/
Which? University - details of higher education provision	http://university.which.co.uk
The Complete University Guide - covers a variety of things including social life, accomodation, location pros and cons etc	http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/
Push - 'the ruthlessly independent university guide'	http://www.push.co.uk/
Individual university websites - essential to know the different content and requirements of different courses	Google the university name and look for results with ' .ac.uk ' domain type

UCAS

PARENT, GUARDIAN AND CARER GUIDE 2026

Everything you need to support your
child with their higher education choices



Phil Camm

Individual Guidance



Guidance Sessions



**“
GREAT
CAREERS
ARE BUILT ON
SMALL,
STEADY STEPS.
”**

Remember your Year 11 session?

All students given opportunity in Year 12 and/or 13

Impartial, independent advice

Explore and expand all your options

Tangible Action Plan to take away



How do I book?



- Sessions take place on Thurs & Fri this term
- Sign up sheet on notice board outside my office
- Or speak to Form Tutor, Ms Yunus, Dr Coote to request
- We will schedule you anyway!

Work Experience



Clarifying your post-18 pathway

DEADLINE 22nd MAY
Form to Mrs Bryant

capital

Boosting maturity & confidence



Virtual Work Experience



Springpod[®] 

Take **control** of
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WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP

A contracted and salaried job

80% work and 20% training leading to a recognised qualification

Recruiting all year / at different times

No fees to pay and nothing to pay back if you leave the job

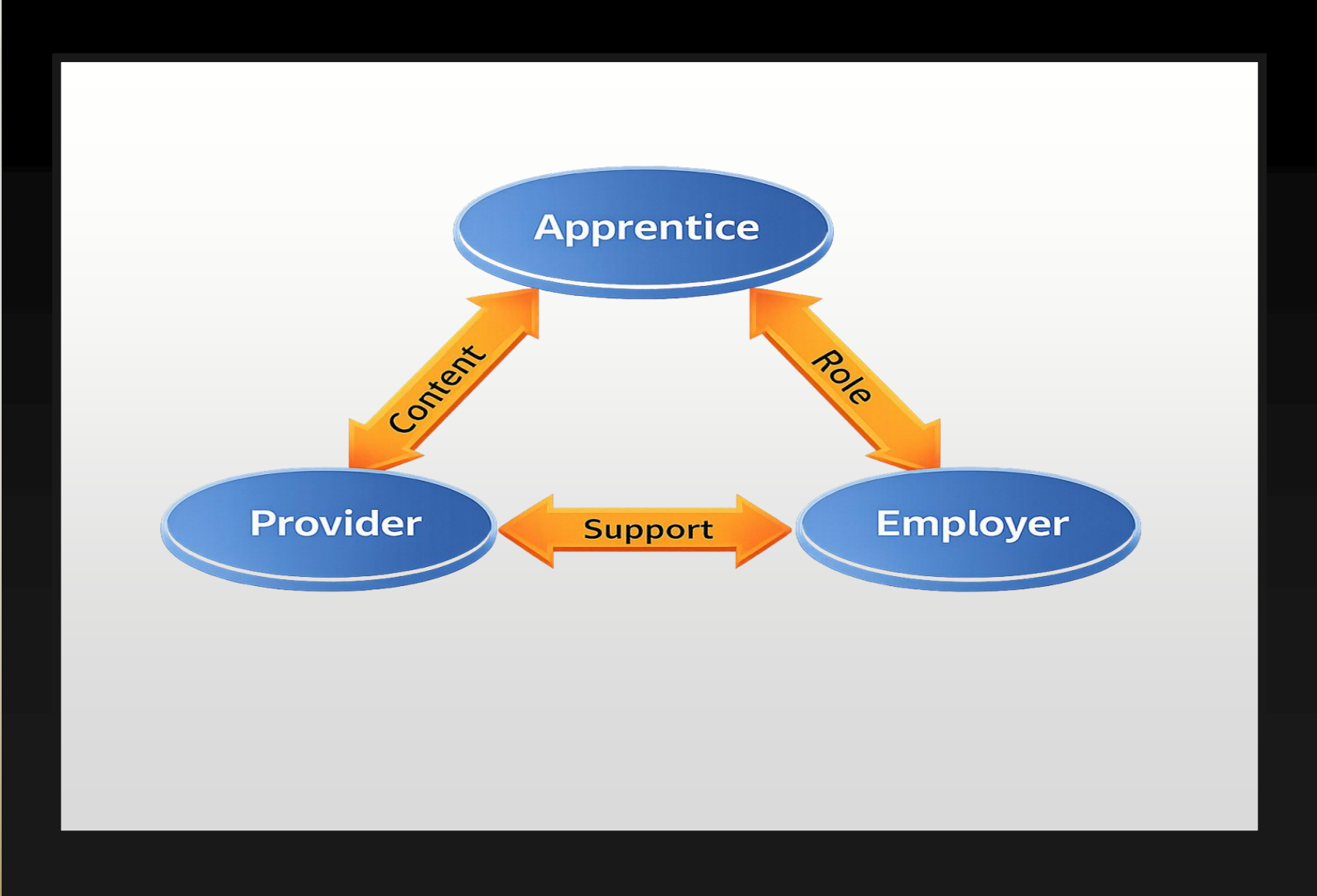
Available from Level 2 to Level 7

Can take between 1 – 6 years

580+ routes in a range of different sectors

Big commitment and competitive

HOW APPRENTICESHIPS WORK



WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT LEVELS

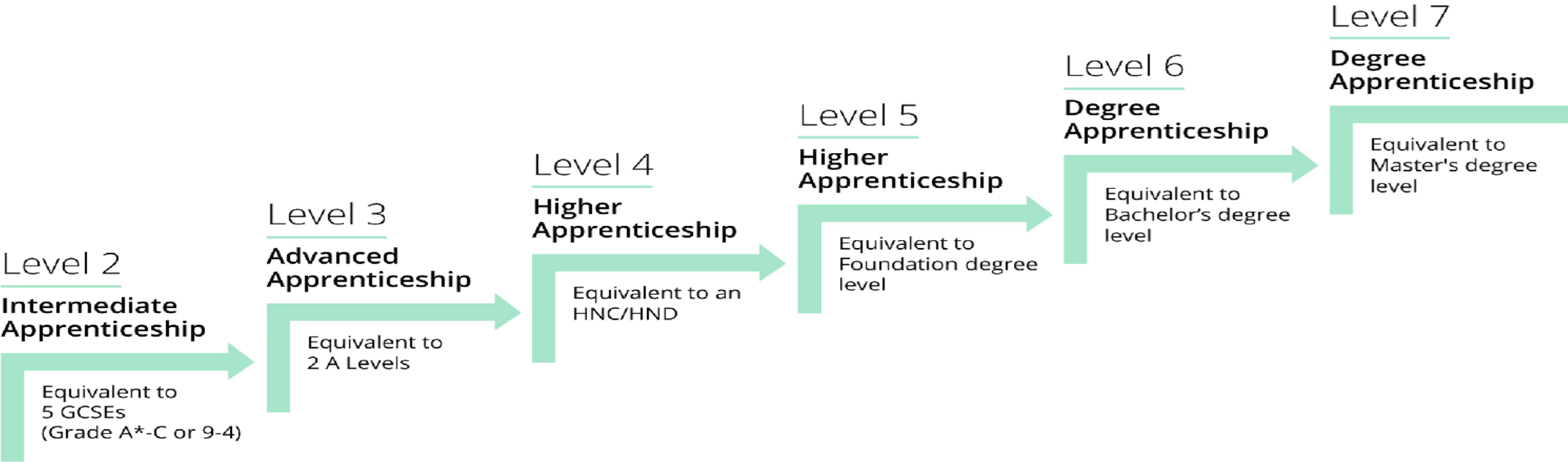


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RECENT APPRENTICESHIP EXAMPLES

Apprenticeship	Company	Level	Annual Salary
Law	A&O Shearman	Degree (Level 6)	£28,000 and £3,000 sign on bonus
Digital & Technology Solutions	JP Morgan	Degree (Level 6)	£25,000
Marketing	Amazon	Advanced (Level 3)	£32,000
Journalism	BBC	Higher (Level 5)	£24,000
Laboratory Science Biology	GSK	Degree (Level 6)	£19,000

RANGE OF APPRENTICESHIPS



Accounting



Aviation



Horticulture



Acchitect



Creative & Digital



Teaching



Cyber Security



Surveying



Project management



Nursing



Dental Nursing



Hospitality



Hairdressing



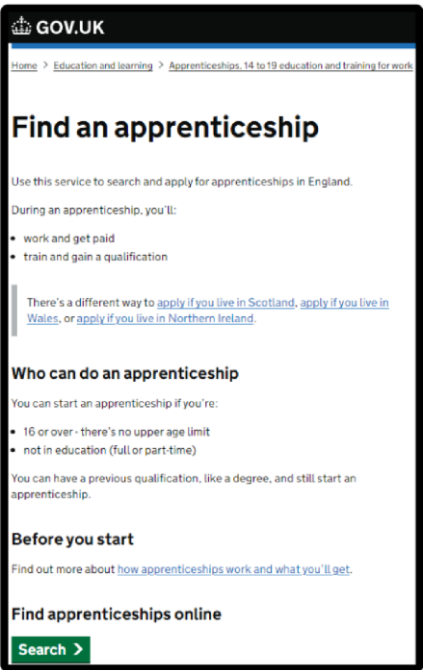
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WHERE TO FIND APPRENTICESHIPS



www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship



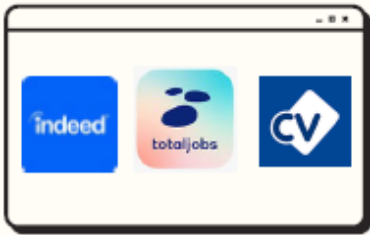
UCAS



Social media



Company websites



Job search websites



Networking



College or training provider websites



Approach an employer or your current employer



HIGHER & DEGREE VACANCY LISTING

A large purple-bordered grid containing a central text box and numerous company logos. The central text box, located in the middle of the grid, has a dark purple background and white text that reads "HIGHER & DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS VACANCY LISTING" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with "JANUARY 2026" in a smaller font below it. Surrounding this central box are logos for a wide variety of organizations, including:

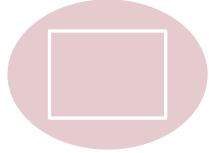
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- ASHE, AtkinsPwells, Bellway, BMW GROUP, CAPULA, Bishop Fleming, CISCO, experian, EDF
- ARMY BE THE BEST, TROUP BYWATERS + ANDERS, Babcock, Government Social Research, Higgins, FARMER & CO
- WARWICKSHIRE POLICE, WSP, Valuation Office Agency, FRESHFIELDS, GXO
- WHITECODE CONSULTING, Transport for London, LEYLAND TRUCKS, Greencore
- united infrastructure, th trowers & hamlins, Surrey & Sussex, ibstock, IBM
- metismores, MZA CONSULTING ENGINEERS, TLT, Nestlé, J F, JLR, HBC HOLLYWOOD BOWL GROUP, JAMES COPPER WESTON
- BEVERN TRENT, NetworkRail, RHOTIC, METIS, MARS, irwinmitchell, imace, KIER
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- Lloret, KPMG

A TYPICAL APPLICATION PROCESS

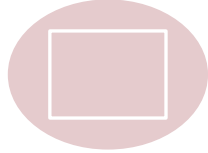
Candidate Application Roadmap – *Apprenticeships*



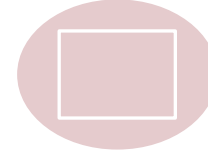
THE REALITIES: TYPICAL FEEDBACK FROM YEAR 13's



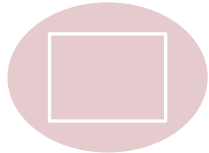
Applying for apprenticeships is time consuming and you need to apply to lots as they are competitive.



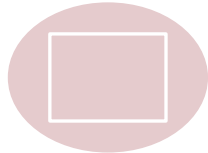
It can be demoralising when you get rejected or do not hear back for long periods of time.



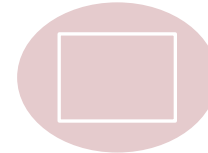
Deadlines can be tight (e.g. complete a test in the next 48 hours).



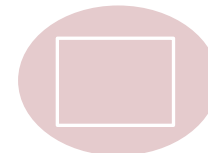
You may need to view an apprenticeship as a way of getting into a company or as a stepping stone –
don't just look at the degree apprenticeship options.



Work experience, part time work, enrichment, leadership opportunities, sport/clubs all provide examples to demonstrate key employability skills. You need examples.



Important to practice video interviews (many use Hirevue platform which has a practice section).



It can feel frightening to not have a guaranteed plan for September while still applying. Need a back up plan (e.g. temporary job or volunteering).

KEY POINTS TO TAKE AWAY

A job you need to apply for.
There are different levels depending on the job.

Available throughout the year and advertised in a variety of ways.
You might need a plan after Year 13 while you continue to search and apply.

You have an employer and a training provider.
(80% of your week and 20% of your week training 'off the job')

Leads to a recognised qualification with no fees.

Competitive to get.
You need to be able to demonstrate your skills through your experiences.

Use the summer holidays wisely!

Need to be:
organised, persistent, resilient, prepared, well researched etc.
throughout the application process

DON'T FORGET.....

Use your network and access all support opportunities to help with searching, applications, interview preparation etc.

.....WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT!



Research

Spend time researching - 3 visits

- Revise.
- Y12 Exams are indicators for UCAS predictions (usually a max of +1 grade to the grade achieved in the exam)
- Identify Aspirational options, as well as 'Safe bets'.
- Consider Dual Application process - keep your options open





Thank you.

Wishing everyone the best of luck for their BTEC and Year 12 Exams



**Tonight's slides will be shared.*