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THINKING OF AN APPRENTICESHIP AFTER YEAR 11?

- An Apprenticeship is a work-based programme where you earn a recognised qualification whilst gaining practical experience. It is a real job and a hands-on, practical route for those who feel they are ready for the workplace. Apprenticeships provide a combination of on-the-job training (80% of your working week) and off-the-job (20% of your working week) training. There are lots of types of Apprenticeship in many different industries.
- The length of an apprenticeship will vary depending on the level and type. Apprenticeships are paid positions - you earn as you learn. The National Minimum Wage for Apprentices is currently £4.30 per hour. This applies to Apprentices aged between 16 and 18. This is the minimum – you might see some Apprenticeship vacancies which are paid more than that.
- Some employers start their recruitment long before the Apprenticeship start date so be prepared if you are thinking about an Apprenticeship after your Year 11 studies. You might already know the Apprenticeship area that you are interested in, or you might not be sure which type of Apprenticeship would suit you best.



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SOME HINTS AND TIPS

It can help to think about the careers sector you are interested in and what might suit you

- A short skills assessment can help generate some career ideas based on your responses to a short set of questions - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/skills-assessment>
- Have a look at some careers and job profiles - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>
- You can read real-life career stories - <https://icould.com/>
- Find out more about Apprenticeship areas by occupational areas <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/occupational-maps/>
- Some useful general information on Apprenticeships (and a useful section for people at home who are interested in your ideas too) <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/apprenticeships/>

SO, WHAT NEXT?

To make Apprenticeship applications, these are useful links:

To apply for Apprenticeships, you'll need to create an account (and keep checking this regularly as vacancies do change). You can do this at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

You can also look at public sector vacancies in the North-East and create an account to apply for these - <https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/>

North Tyneside Council offers a range of Apprenticeships every year <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/120/council-apprenticeships>



CASTING THE NET A BIT FURTHER...

- Many Apprenticeship vacancies will be listed on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> but you can also search for employers in the sector you are interested in. Some might have a 'Careers' section on their website, or you could contact them directly to see what their plans are for Apprentice recruitment.
- For example, the NHS is a large local employer and Apprenticeships within the NHS (including healthcare, and support roles, such as IT, engineering, and many others) can be found at - <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/study-and-training/apprenticeships>
- Ask your Connexions Adviser about Training Providers who may have Apprenticeship vacancies. Often these Providers recruit on behalf of groups of employers.
- Perhaps you might be thinking of some other career area. Could you do some research to list the local employers that you could follow up to find out about any possible Apprenticeships opportunities?

Apprenticeship Area of Interest:

Possible Employers:

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS

➤ Securing an apprenticeship does take work and be prepared for making applications. Is there anything you can do now that might help, like prepare a CV?

Just in case it takes a little longer to get fixed up, have you thought about your back up plan?

Watch out for the annual Apprenticeship Fair, Get Up and Go
<https://www.skillsnorthtyneside.org.uk/>

Keep in touch with us - Connexions can help with your search, writing your CV and thinking through any alternative options and plans. Good luck!

