



# Huntington School Aspirations Department



Do Now: What is an apprenticeship, and what sort of people should look for them?





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# Y12 Apprenticeships & Employability

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# What are apprenticeships?

- They are the oldest type of training.
- It's a job where you also gain a qualification.
- You spend most of your time working and learning on the job, and about 20% of your time in college/university/training centres.
- You get paid.
- You will leave with money, a qualification and lots of experience...
- However, often people continue to work at the place where they do their apprenticeship anyway!
- They are best known for being used in 'trades' but you can do apprenticeships in lots of industries and at lots of levels.





# Why do you want to do an apprenticeship?

- I don't like the idea of university.
- I don't really know what I want to do.
- They're an easier option.
- I want to get paid.
- I don't want student debt.





# Why do you want to do an apprenticeship?

- I have a definite career in mind.
- I am really driven to achieve my goals.
- I am prepared to handle rejection.
- I am willing to work much harder than my peers, and I'm happy to grow up much more quickly than them!





# Is it worth applying to Uni and deferring for a year?

- You'll still have a great application if you do decide to go to Uni?
- You have more thinking and searching time.
- You're less likely to make a rushed choice.
- UCAS applications are very similar to general job/apprenticeship applications.





A bit of jargon busting....

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



Most important things to do if you want an apprenticeship....

Register for the York Apprenticeships email at <https://us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=d0145cd66bfcf94ce5229a560&id=d9258a6b5a> .

Register, search and apply for apprenticeships on the Government Apprenticeships Website at <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

Register, search and apply for a range of apprenticeships at, <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/> , <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/> and <https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-in-england>

# Keep checking your emails/Aspirations Update





Sometimes it is possible to find your own employer! You can find an employer by doing the following:

- Ask friends and family if they know anybody who would take an apprentice on.
- Search for companies on the internet (including sites like indeed) and around York (big and small) whether they are looking for apprentices or not.
- Email, call, **visit** employers and ask if they have considered taking on an apprentice.

When you get in touch, use the following 3 questions:

- 1) Could I do an apprenticeship with you?
- 2) If not, could I work/have work experience with you?
- 3) **Do you know anybody who might be able to help?**



To whom it may concern,

My name *is...*, and I am a Year *12/13* student at Huntington School in York. I am currently studying a range of Level 3 qualifications *including...*

In the future, I am interested in working in the \_\_\_\_\_ industry and would be keen to secure an apprenticeship or entry level role in this area. Although I enjoy academic study, I find I am at my best when in a hands on, working environment.

In addition to my studies at Huntington, *I.....(what else do you do that relates to this sort of job)*

From my research I understand that you are *(say something nice about them to show you have done some research – just look on their website/social media)*, so I would love the opportunity to work with your company.

I appreciate that roles within your organisation will be highly competitive, so if you are unable to offer me an apprenticeship/employment currently, would you be able to offer me some work experience or even suggest another industry contact that may be able to help me gain more experience in this sector?

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I have attached a *CV*, and would be grateful if you could keep this on file and contact me if any opportunities become available. I do hope to hear from you, but if you are unable to help on this occasion, I wish you all the very best for the future.

Kind Regards



Be prepared:

- Make sure you have an up to date CV to show potential employers.
- Try to get some work experience (and include this on your CV).
- **If you need some help with your CV, ask Mr Daniel.**

If you find an employer who will take you on:

- If they know about apprenticeships, the employer will set you up and help you apply for the apprenticeship.
- If they don't know anything about them, you can contact Mr Daniel for help at [s.daniel@huntington-ed.org.uk](mailto:s.daniel@huntington-ed.org.uk)



THE APPRENTICESHIP HUB

# THE APPRENTICESHIP DIRECTORY

Your guide to apprenticeships across York, North Yorkshire and East Riding.

Apprenticeships

Motivated to ensure you get that apprenticeship?

This outstanding resource from the Apprenticeships Hub is an absolute MUST!

It provides details and contact information for ALL of the apprenticeship providers in the region.

Want an apprenticeship... [click here](#) to have a read and get in touch!

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Straight to work:

If you plan to get a job (without an apprenticeship), make your you pick a job that has career progression for you! **Make sure it is something that you are going to enjoy too!**



- <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/> & <https://www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/work-with-us/>
- Company websites
- Job Websites (like Indeed)
- Google!
- Previous (work experience) contacts



## Gap Years:

You can use a Gap Year to give yourself some thinking time, gain work experience, apply for apprenticeships or use it to gain some life experience.

If you are planning to work (part time or full time) in your gap year while you're thinking about your next major step, get a job/volunteering that is relevant to your future plans (or possible future plans).

If you are interested in law, work for a law firm/department; if you're interested in hospitality and events; work in a restaurant etc.



## Gap Years:

You can use a Gap Year to do something really exciting like travel or work/volunteer aboard!

This [page on Prospects](#) is a good starting point, and we will have a representative from Project Trust attending a Year 12 event later this year!





## General Application advice (jobs or apprenticeships):

- Read the job description.
- Make sure that you have evidenced that you have all the skills/attributes and experience required in the job description.
- **Research the company and include evidence of this in your application!**
- Don't forget the basics – spelling, grammar and punctuation!
- Don't just apply to one place; you are going to need to apply to lots of employers!

## Useful Websites:

- <https://successatschool.org/advice>
- <https://help.open.ac.uk/browse/careers/cv-applications-interviews>
- <https://www.unifrog.org/>



Remember, you don't need to have a specific career in mind if you are going to university (although it can certainly help).

However, if you are planning to take a job or apprenticeship-based route, you really do need a career in mind before you apply!

The websites below will be helpful for finding the sort of jobs that could be right for you:

- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>
- <https://icould.com/>
- <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>
- <https://www.unifrog.org/>



# Task: Complete the reflection task on your sheet! Be prepared to share your ideas.

## How to get Careers Advice at Huntington:

### Students:

- You can contact Mr Daniel via email at [s.daniel@huntington-ed.org.uk](mailto:s.daniel@huntington-ed.org.uk) for remote advice.
- You can book face to face meetings with Mr Daniel by emailing directly or by speaking to your form tutor.
- You can call into the Aspirations Office before school, after school, during break and during lunch without an appointment.

### Parents/Carers:

- You can also contact Mr Daniel via email at [s.daniel@huntington-ed.org.uk](mailto:s.daniel@huntington-ed.org.uk) for remote advice.
- If you would rather telephone, please contact school reception and leave a message (01904 752113) – Mr Daniel will get back to you ASAP.

### Everybody:

- You may also find the answer to your question on the Huntington School Aspirations website:  
<https://www.huntingtonschool.co.uk/page/?title=Aspirations+Careers+Department&pid=88>