

Careers Education at Light Hall



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Life Ready Round Up

This week is **National Apprenticeship Week**.

We have sent out a number of exciting opportunities to Year 11 parents over the last few weeks regarding Level 3 apprenticeships – from companies such as BMW and Jaguar Land Rover. At the start of the week, we forwarded a newsletter created by Birmingham Careers Service with more information on. The newsletter is also attached to this one so parents of all years can see some important information about apprenticeships.

In light of this, this newsletter has an apprenticeship focus!

Apprenticeships

What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a **real job where you learn, gain experience and get paid**. You're an employee with a contract of employment and holiday leave. By the end of an apprenticeship, you'll have the right skills and knowledge needed for your chosen career.

It can take between one and 6 years to complete an apprenticeship depending on which one you choose, what level it is and your previous experience. It's funded from contributions made by the government and your employer.

 **GOV.UK Find an apprenticeship**

Search all apprenticeships on:
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Levels of an apprenticeship

Each apprenticeship has an equivalent education level and you can start an apprenticeship at any level. Depending on the level, some apprenticeships may:

- require qualifications such as an English or maths GCSE
- give extra training in the English or maths skills needed so you're at the right level

At the end of your apprenticeship, you'll achieve the equivalent education level. For example, if you complete a level 3 apprenticeship, you'll achieve the equivalent of an A level.

	Level	Equivalent education level
Intermediate	2	GCSE
Advanced	3	A level
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

Which apprenticeships are the most common?

Based on numbers of apprenticeships offered and uptake, the following are the most popular:

1. **Business, Administration and Law**
2. **Health, Public Services and Care**
3. **Retail and Commercial Enterprise**
4. **Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies**
5. **Construction, Planning and the Built Environment**

Year 11



Our Independent Careers Advisor Helen Richards is continuing to provide advice sessions remotely, through Microsoft Teams. Please encourage your son/daughter to use all of the information available to them to make their choices for next year. Students need to apply sooner rather than later and can apply to as many colleges as they want. Ask them to reflect on the following:

- Work done in tutor time on academic vs. vocational routes
- The virtual assemblies provided by Solihull College, Solihull Sixth Form, South and City College, Stratford College and Alderbrook Sixth Form
- Using Kudos to help explore careers and Post-16 options

