



Apprenticeships and Traineeships September 2026

We strongly recommend that you watch the short '**Post 16 choices**' video with you child whilst you are planning post 16 progression routes. If you require any further assistance regarding all matters concerning post 16 progression, please contact Mr Parker on parkert@wes.swecet.org.

Department of Education – Post 16 choices animation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_xAQNNi4pA

Click on the link below for more detailed information about all of the Post 16 Options available. It covers:

Full-time education (A-levels, T-levels, Vocational and Technical qualifications and Applied qualifications).

Combining working and learning (Traineeships, Internships, Apprenticeships and School Leaver Schemes).

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/career-choices-at-16>

Click on the link below to access the Parent packs for the latest information about Apprenticeships – This is aimed at supporting parents and carers.

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/zones/parent/>

Browse apprenticeships before you apply by clicking the link below:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/browse-apprenticeships>

To find an apprenticeship - Search and apply for an apprenticeship in England

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

Minimum Wage information for Apprentices 2026-27

Please click on the link below to find the minimum wage rates for Apprentices from April 2026 onwards.

[National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage rates - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates)

Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Information website link:

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/>



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T-levels

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/introduction-of-t-levels/introduction-of-t-levels>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/t-levels/>

<https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/>

T Levels are a newer qualification choice that will follow GCSEs and give students a head start towards the career they want.

They will suit students who wish to start working towards a skilled occupation, prefer a practical approach to learning and want a predominantly classroom-based course.

T-Levels are the emerging technical qualification available for post 16 study. By clicking this link you can access a short 6 minute information film and some other quick read resources.

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Traineeships

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/WhatsNext/Traineeships.aspx>

<https://www.junipertraining.co.uk/traineeships/>

https://www.skillstraininguk.com/traineeships-16-24/#google_vignette

Traineeships are a brilliant way to gain experience and confidence, helping you to take the next step into an apprenticeship, work or study.

A Traineeship is a fully-funded education and training programme for 16-24* year olds (*25 year olds with an Education, Health and Care Plan) to build employability skills and gain valuable sector-based experience through a work placement. Offered throughout England, trainees are supported by training providers working with local employers through fun and engaging programmes that will help you reach your future goals.

National Apprenticeship Week - 9th – 15th February 2026

National Apprenticeship Week brings together the entire apprenticeship community to celebrate everything that is amazing about apprenticeships.

Check everything out <https://naw.appawards.co.uk/> .



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Subjects and Apprenticeships

There are twelve one-minute presentations rather than videos that link subjects to specific career and industry related apprenticeships.

Here is the link –

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/apprentice-story-films/>

Apprenticeships vs Universities: Which is best?

The video is nearly 6 mins in length and it is a group of leading UK employers giving their opinions on the benefits of Apprenticeships or Universities.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDnb9wWhPqE>

CITB – National Construction College (NCC) Apprenticeship courses for construction

<https://www.citb.co.uk/national-construction-college/apprenticeship-courses/#england>

Please click on the link above to have access to notifications of construction apprenticeships advertised on the above website. Be mindful that these are all over the UK but it is an excellent resource to find out the requirements for these types of apprenticeships. It also enables you to apply using the online application forms.