



Suffolk  
New  
College

# STUDENT GUIDE TO APPRENTICESHIPS

## WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME AN APPRENTICE?

If you are ready to enter the world of work whilst continuing to gain the skills and qualifications employers are looking for, an apprenticeship at Suffolk New College offers you the best of both worlds. Whether you're leaving school, already in employment or looking to start a new career our apprenticeships provide you with the opportunity to access quality training, gain practical experience in your chosen field whilst also working towards nationally recognised qualifications.

91% of apprentices go on to secure employment or progress to further study after completing their training. Recent studies have shown that apprentices, at all levels of learning from Level 2 up to Degree Level, experience a rise in earnings in future years. As an apprentice you not only gain valuable skills, knowledge and experience, but also have the opportunity to improve your employability and earning potential.

## HOW TO APPLY?

Search for apprenticeships on the Find an Apprenticeship website, and set up alerts for specific job roles, locations or levels.

### [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

Some employers advertise vacancies directly. Research potential companies via their website and social media pages and once the right job comes up, follow their instructions to apply for the role.

Visit our College website to view our current vacancies and join our Talent Pool to access useful information to support you onto your journey to becoming an apprentice.



## FINDING THE RIGHT LEVEL

No matter what your starting point, we will find the right Apprenticeship to suit you and provide the support you need to progress through your training. Completion of an Advanced Level Apprenticeship, can also lead to a University place or a Higher/ Degree Level Apprenticeship.

APPRENTICESHIP TYPE	LEVEL	EQUIVALENT EDUCATIONAL LEVEL
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE's A*-C (grades 9-4)
Advanced	3	2 A-Level passes
Higher	4 and 5	Higher education certificate/ Diploma or a foundation degree
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Earn while you learn! Discover the best of both worlds! As an Apprentice you will reap the rewards of being both an employee and a student.

**Earn a salary:** Apprentices undertake real jobs for real employers and will be employed for a minimum of 30 hours per week.

**Learn job specific skills:** Apprentices will gain a nationally recognised qualification whilst gaining the skills employers and the industry require.

**Paid holidays:** You will be given paid holiday and have access to the same employee entitlements as your colleagues.

**Student Life:** As an apprentice at Suffolk New College you are also joining our student community and will have access to the student experience and support services.

### CONTACT US

for more information on becoming an apprentice with Suffolk New College including joining our Talent Pool and subscribing to our Apprenticeship Information Service

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