

Focus on the Future!

Part Three:

Year 10 Guide to Post 16 options.

Spotlight on.....



Here you can find out about one of your many options when you leave school-
Apprenticeships.

Start by watching these two short videos filmed at autumn's year 11 careers convention
– look out for some local employers you may recognise!

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What is it Like?

- You can study a wide range of apprenticeships including sport, animal care, landscaping, social media management, childcare, healthcare, IT, business admin, hairdressing, engineering, and mechanics and so on!
- You will study and focus solely on **one** subject
- You will be working in the 'real world'- usually full-time hours (30+ hours per week)
- Most apprenticeship are offered at levels 2 and 3. These are known as intermediate and advanced.
- A training assessor from a college or training provider will visit you at work to help you complete your qualification. You may attend a college on a regular basis to complete this.
- You will earn a wage paid by your employer
- You do not qualify for any other student based payments as you are seen as 'employed'.



English and Maths GCSE courses:

If you have GCSE grades 9-4 you will build on those skills as part of your main course of study. If you haven't yet achieved GCSE grade 4 in English and/or maths, you'll attend English and / or maths tutoring and work towards resitting your GCSE exams.

Are Apprenticeships for you?

The most important thing about apprenticeship is deciding if this is the right way for **you** to study. You have to be the type of person who feels confident enough to go out into the world of work.

- Are you the type of person who will turn up for work on time every day?
- Would you be happy to go to work during in the summer whilst some of your friends (who went to college) might have the summer holiday off?
- Do you know that you definitely want to do that type of job? Have you got some experience in that - have you tested if you like it?



Entry Requirements

The entry requirements can vary depending on what level you start at. As a typical guide, if you start at:

- level 2 you need to have at least 4 GCSEs grades 9-3 including English and Maths
- level 3 you need to have at least 5 GCSEs grades 9-4 including English and Maths

Some level 1 apprenticeships may be offered in some areas of work:

- level 1 you need to have at least 3 GCSEs grades 9-1 including English language

The employer who takes you on may also ask for some requirements. These can include specific GCSE grades, experience in a specific area or certain skills such as good communication skills. These will all vary depending on the apprenticeship you apply for.

What could you do after this?

At the end of your apprenticeship, there is no guarantee of a full time job with the same employer. Although, once you finish an apprenticeship, you will have lots of experience to help you if you do need a new employer. You could progress into a university course, a gap year or a higher or degree level apprenticeship course.

You CAN go to university following an apprenticeship as long as you have achieved level 3 (advanced level)!



How to Apply

1. If you apply for apprenticeships the ALSO APPLY FOR A COLLEGE COURSE OR SIXTH FORM AS A BACK UP!
2. You can find your own apprenticeship by contacting employers directly.
4. You can also apply through the gov.uk 'find an apprenticeship' website. Here you will find vacancies all set up and ready for you to apply. You can register and normally apply directly on the website.
5. You will attend an interview and hopefully be offered a place as long as you go on to achieve the GCSE grades needed.

You are not committing yourself by applying or by attending an interview!

How to find out more

- For more information try these:

<https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide> This will tell you more about apprenticeships

https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch?_ga=2.123948810.1425472694.1588761510-693657614.1587205518 This is where you can SEARCH and APPLY for local apprenticeships.

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#) has lots of information on apprenticeships and relevant videos.

Quick Round Up:

- A good choice if you want to focus on one area of study.
- A good choice if you already know the industry you want to work in.
- A good choice if you like practical forms of study.
- A good choice if you learn through 'doing' something
- A good option if you are ready for work.

Hairdressing apprenticeships Live guide!

Easi Hairdressing Academy will be live at 8pm Wednesday 13th May and Wednesday 20th May on Facebook/Instagram offering advice on getting into apprenticeships and what they involve.

Event Details:

Apprenticeship Online Careers Event – Facebook

Gemma will be live in the [EASIHairdressingAcademy FB](#) group at 8pm on Wednesday 13 May.

Apprenticeship Online Careers Event – Instagram

Gemma will be live on the [EASIHairdressing Insta](#) page at 8pm on Wednesday 20 May.

I hope you have found this helpful. Please email me if you have any questions.

I am available on a Wednesday. leaves@ramseyacademy.com

