



PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' GUIDE TO APPRENTICESHIPS 2024/25





- Apprenticeship standards are high quality, nationally recognised qualifications, which provide alternatives to A Levels, BTEC qualifications and Degrees.
- Apprentices gain in-depth training and development away from the workplace in addition to learning practical skills whilst in work with the support of their peers, line manager and/or mentor.
- Apprentices can progress onto higher and Degree level qualifications whilst they work, without the need for university loans.
- Apprentices earn a wage/salary from the first day of their employment.

WHICH APPRENTICESHIP/CAREER ROUTE IS BEST?



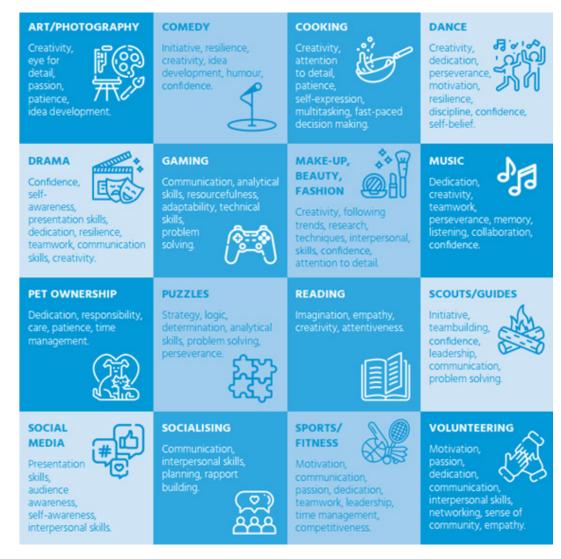
- If your child knows the career they want, visit wmc.ac.uk/ apprenticeships for details of apprenticeships supported by Wirral Met, or they can search for apprenticeship standards via https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/
- If your child is unsure of which career route to follow,
 - Talk to them about their favourite subjects in school, their hobbies and interests out of school, including which careers they want to rule out.
 - Careers events at school may spark ideas of roles they would enjoy.
 - Work experience placements and part-time jobs are a great way of finding the types of jobs they enjoy.
 - Looking at company websites and social media accounts which are linked to areas your child is interested in, will also help.

CREATING A CV



- Help your son/daughter with their CV and get them to include:
 - Details of hobbies, interests, voluntary work, sport activities etc.
 - Roles in school or college.
 - Projects they have worked on individually and as part of a team.

During the apprenticeship application process, applicants are often asked to demonstrate how they use essential skills. Hobbies and extracurricular activities are a great way to showcase these skills and experiences. To help, we've provided some examples of which skills different hobbies can demonstrate.



(Source: 'How hobbies can support an apprenticeship application' Apprenticeships Service/ Parents & Carers Pack January 2024: see <u>apprenticeships.gov.uk</u> to find out more.)



HOW TO FIND AN APPRENTICESHIP VACANCY

- Visit Wirral Met College's website: <u>wmc.ac.uk/current-apprenticeships-</u> vacancies
- Register with the National Apprenticeship Service: https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- Search NHS Jobs
- Use Indeed or other online recruitment websites to search for apprenticeship vacancies.



WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Our Student Advisers will provide impartial advice and guidance to help you and your son/daughter/young person to find the best opportunity to suit individual needs and career aspirations.

Visit wmc.ac.uk/student-support/information-for-parents for more information.