

ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL

CAREERS

BULLETIN

YEAR 10

WELCOME

Welcome to the Year 10 Spring edition of the Future Choices newsletter. We hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas holiday. The aim of the Future Choices newsletter is to keep you informed about careers education at St Edward's School, and also other issues related to employability.

We would like to encourage parents and carers to talk with their children about the world of work and the endless opportunities open to them. Actively exploring their ideas helps to develop students' self-awareness and encourages them to appreciate the relevance of why it is important.

CAREERS EXPERIENCE

We are delighted to confirm that we will be offering a careers experience week for all of the students in Year 10. This will be an opportunity for them to gain valuable experience working with local employers in a variety of different industries. The careers experience week will be during the week commencing 31st August to 4th September.

During this week Year 10 students will be released from attending school and instead will be attending some pre-arranged work experience. Each student will be responsible for researching, applying for and attending their careers experience placement. The placement itself should be for four days unless there are exceptional circumstances which have been agreed by the school.

The students will be supported in school to help them prepare for the careers experience week. Mrs Eastwood and Mr Rigby will be available to advise students about potential placements. In addition to this in English the students will also be working on how to write letters of application, CV's and also being given a mock interview experience.

APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship is a real job with a training component. It allows students to earn while they learn, as well as gaining a nationally recognised qualification. Apprenticeships take between one and five years to complete and cover a wide range of industries, from engineering to accountancy, public relations to veterinary nursing.

Apprenticeships are now available up to degree level and above. They're accessible to anyone who has reached school leaving age. There are different entry requirements depending

on the sector and job.

There are three levels of apprenticeship available, depending on applicants' skills and qualifications: Intermediate Apprenticeship (Level 2), Advanced Apprenticeship (Level 3) and Higher Apprenticeships (Level 4 or above) – within the Higher Apprenticeships grouping sit the new Degree Apprenticeships.

INTERMEDIATE APPRENTICESHIPS

An Intermediate Apprenticeship is equivalent to five good GCSE passes. Apprentices work towards work-based learning qualifications such as an NVQ Level 2, Key Skills and, in most cases, a relevant knowledge-based qualification such as a BTEC.

ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIPS

Advanced apprenticeships work towards work-based learning qualifications such as an NVQ Level 3, Key Skills and, in most cases, a relevant knowledge-based certificate such as a BTEC. To start this programme, the applicant should ideally have five GCSEs at grade C or above or have completed an Intermediate Apprenticeship.

HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS

Higher apprentices work towards work-based learning qualifications such as an NVQ Level 4 and, in some cases, a knowledge-based qualification such as a Foundation degree. Apprentices can also progress to higher education, including university degrees.

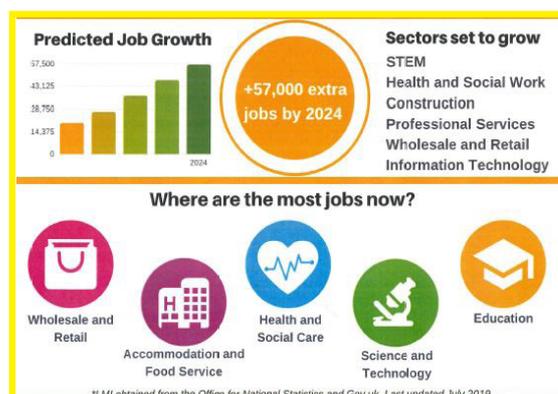
DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

Degree Apprenticeships are the latest model of apprenticeship to be developed, seeing apprentices achieving a full bachelor's or master's degree – at Levels 6 and 7 – as a core component of the programmes. While Degree Apprenticeships must last a minimum of one year, the programmes will generally last

longer than this, typically up to four years, though there is no fixed maximum duration.

LOCAL LABOUR MARKET

To the left is an outline of the local labour market information for the South West region. This gives students and their families a clear outline of what is going on across the job and employment market across the south west region. Looking at information like this can be



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