

What is National Apprenticeship Week?

National Apprenticeship Week is a free yearly event which brings together young people, teachers, careers advisers and employers to share information and resources about apprenticeships. It's a great opportunity for you to find out more about apprenticeships, start thinking about your future options and access resources and advice from potential employers.

This year National Apprenticeship Week is happening virtually and will take place between 8th and 14th February. The theme is 'Build the Future' and will focus on how apprenticeships can help you to develop the skills, knowledge and experience to build a rewarding career. You can also speak to current apprentices and ask about their roles and experiences, as well as find out some tips for how to get started! There will be plenty of sessions with employers from a wide range of industries, so check out the programme to see what will be on offer. Even if you hadn't previously thought about doing an apprenticeship, why not take a look? You never know what you'll find.

Where can I find an apprenticeship?

It can be difficult to know where to start looking for apprenticeship vacancies. Here are some good places to start:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> - this is the government's official apprenticeship vacancy website. You can search by keyword or location.

If you want to look for vacancies in Hertfordshire, you can sign up for YCH SfYP alerts here: <http://www.ychservicesforyoungpeople.org/careers/jobs-apprenticeships-register/> Our team can also support you with writing your application and practising for interviews.

You can also use <https://www.hopinto.co.uk/opportunities/apprenticeships/> to browse for current vacancies in Hertfordshire.



What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a paid job where you combine practical, hands-on training with further study. You will work alongside experienced staff who will train you in job-specific skills, with one day a week (or equivalent) dedicated to time for you to study for industry standards or qualifications, depending on your field. There are many different levels that you can work towards, from Level 2 (equivalent to 5 GCSE passes) to Level 6-7 (equivalent to a undergraduate or Master's degree).

Did you know?

If you are a care leaver under the age of 25, you may be eligible for a bursary payment during your first year of your apprenticeship – just check with your potential training provider.

Monday 8th

11am: *Apprenticeships: Work, Earn, Learn* (University of Hertfordshire)

Hear from apprentices, training providers (iSales Academy, Amazing Apprenticeships and University of Hertfordshire) and local Hertfordshire employers MBDA & Ryall Marketing)
<https://www.hopinto.co.uk/apprenticeships-work-earn-learn/>

12pm-1pm: *Ask an Apprentice – Uncovering Apprenticeships with Highways England*

Q&A session with current and former apprentices at Highways England, with information about upcoming and current vacancies.
[Ask An Apprentice: Uncovering Apprenticeships with Highways England Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

12:15pm-4pm: *Discover Apprenticeships (UCAS)*

Q&A session with current apprentices and employers to discuss what it's really like to work and study at the same time.
<https://www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships/discover-apprenticeships>

Tuesday 9th

11:10am: *The Big Assembly*

Interactive broadcast with a live chat and opinion polls, where you can hear from current apprentices and employers. [Big Assembly](#)

12pm-6pm: *Discover Apprenticeships (UCAS)*

A live exhibition where you can meet and talk to a wide range of employers, including GCHQ, Virgin Media, Barclays and many more.
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4-5pm: *Apprenticeship Webinar Live (MBDA Missile Systems)*

Webinar featuring information about the defense sector, tackling myths and misconceptions, support with the recruitment process and insights into a career at MBDA [MBDA: Life In The Defence Sector - National Apprenticeship Week](#)

For more information about other events running during National Apprenticeship Week, check out:
<https://www.nationalapprenticeshipweek.co.uk/events/>

Wednesday 10th

11am-6pm: *National Apprenticeship Show*

Whole day event featuring over 40 employers. The Workshop Schedule will feature pre-recorded sessions with live Q&As. You can also download info and view resources for up to 30 days after the event.
<https://nas.vfairs.com/>

12:15pm-2.45pm: *Discover Apprenticeships (UCAS)*

Live CV and interview workshops to help you prepare for applying for apprenticeships.
<https://www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships/discover-apprenticeships>

12:15pm-6pm: *Discover Apprenticeships (UCAS)*

Not sure which decision is right for you? Sign up to hear from a panel of employers who will discuss the facts about apprenticeships. At 5pm there is also a live debate: 'university or apprenticeship?'

<https://www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships/discover-apprenticeships>

Thursday 11th

9am-10am: *Breakfast Workshop* (Advanced Therapies Apprenticeship Community - ATAC)

Hear from leading employers in cell and gene therapy about their STEM apprenticeships, and learn about how you can kickstart a career in Life Sciences without university debt.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/atac-business-breakfast-national-apprenticeship-week-2021-registration-137588088677>

3:30pm-4:30pm *HOP Virtual Employer Encounter - ATAC Apprenticeships*

Speak to Dr Kate Barclay and current apprentices about ATAC apprenticeships:
<https://www.hopinto.co.uk/explore-careers/webinars/virtual-employer-encounters/>

Friday 12th

12:30-1pm: *Army Apprenticeship Webinar (British Army)*

Find out about the 40 apprenticeship schemes offered by the UK's largest apprenticeship provider. [Army Apprenticeships virtual event - 12th February \(adobeconnect.com\)](#)

Making plans for your future?

Even before the pandemic, planning for your future could feel like a real challenge, and sometimes your long-term goals can suddenly change. Perhaps you started a college course or apprenticeship and realised that it wasn't for you, or maybe you have completed your school education but are struggling to find work because of Covid-19.

YCH SfYP Personal Advisers can support you with researching your options, making decisions about your future goals, or even suggesting new possibilities that you might not have previously considered.



Where you can get support

Our qualified Personal Advisers are available for face-to-face, email or virtual support. When you get back into school or college there may be a Personal Adviser who comes in once or twice a week, but if not you can still make an appointment for a meeting by email or over the phone.

Not in education, training or employment?

YCH SfYP's *Pathways to Success* programme is designed to support young people who are not in education, work or training. YCH SfYP Personal Advisers will support you on a one-to-one basis to identify your skills and interests, work on your CV, practise your interview skills, and boost your employability.

What have other young people said about our careers support?

'I always felt that I had help and guidance when I needed it. I had somebody looking out for me and keeping me on track.'

'I really enjoyed our sessions, they really helped me boost my confidence and to pick the right course.'

'The help I got from YCH SfYP has really helped me with bringing up my confidence and to get on a programme I liked. Now I feel happier about my future.'

'YCH SfYP inspired me to go to college. They helped me get a place and the learning support I needed.'

Contact Us

Call **0300 123 7538** to book an appointment with a YCH SfYP Personal Adviser. You can also email us directly on: ychsfp@hertfordshire.gov.uk

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