



4 Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are a great way to gain a qualification as well as being paid.

‘In essence, an apprenticeship is a job. You’ll spend 80% of the working week at your place of employment, and 20% at your place of study. You’ll earn a salary, and your course fees will be covered by your employer and the government. You just need to be willing to manage your time between work and study.’

Levels of Apprenticeships:

Intermediate Apprenticeship	Advanced Apprenticeship	Higher Apprenticeship	Degree Apprenticeship
Level 2	Level 3	Level 4, 5, 6, 7	Level 6, 7
12 - 18 months	18 - 48 months	24 months	36 months
Equivalent to 5 GCSEs 9 - 4	Equivalent to A-levels	Equivalent to a foundation degree	Equivalent to a degree



You can apply for an apprenticeship in addition to your five university courses.

You can apply for an apprenticeship after a degree as long as it is in a completely different subject / career to that which you studied at university.

How to find out if an apprenticeship is available in your area of interest

- <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/>

Finding and applying for an apprenticeship

- The careers page of the school’s website has current apprenticeship vacancies in Surrey.
- Your school email. Both Mrs Rose and Mrs Nash email out numerous apprenticeship opportunities throughout the year.
- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- <https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/>
- <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk>
- Various job websites

Need help and advice?

Please see Mrs Rose or Mrs Nash in USIC should you require further help and advice with apprenticeships or if you feel you would like an appointment to speak to Gaynor Eke, our external careers consultant.

Useful websites

- <https://www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships>
- <http://www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk>
- <https://careermap.co.uk>
- <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentice/what-is-an-apprenticeship>

Useful Apps

- <https://www.young-professionals.uk>