

**It's National
Apprenticeship
Week #NAW2023**

What is National Apprenticeship Week?

National Apprenticeship Week is the biggest week in the Apprenticeships calendar! It is an annual, week-long celebration of apprenticeships and anyone involved with them. The week brings together everyone passionate about apprenticeships to celebrate the value, benefit and opportunity that apprenticeships bring.

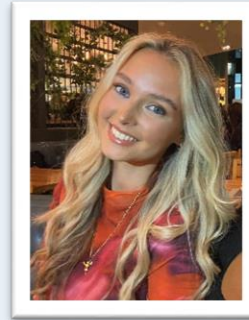
What are apprenticeships?

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study.

As an apprentice you will:

- ✓ work alongside experienced staff
- ✓ gain job-specific skills
- ✓ earn a wage and get holiday pay
- ✓ get time for study related to your role (usually one day a week)

Apprentice Spotlight:



Life as an apprentice at the BBC:

Kaitlin left Altrincham College Sixth Form in July 2022, having studied A Levels in English Language, Sociology and BTEC Creative Digital Media.

Despite achieving grades A*/A/Distinction* on Results Day, and with an offer to study Media at the prestigious University of Leeds, Kaitlin decided on the apprenticeship route and she started her degree apprenticeship in Journalism with the BBC in September.

What does your typical day look like?

Each day looks totally different to the next, which I really love! A couple of weeks ago I was out filming and presenting for my self-produced digital video, then I went to London for a week where I learnt how to produce those videos to BBC standards. The following week I wrote some stories for BBC Sport online, then worked on the 'live desk' for football transfer day! It is very difficult to generalise what a typical day looks like when there are so many opportunities to explore.

Why did you choose the apprenticeship route over university?

For me it was a no brainer! Here, my degree qualification is paid for with no debt, while gaining invaluable experiences and contacts. I did have university offers and even applied for accommodation at my firm choice, but I declined my place as soon as I was offered my degree apprenticeship. When applying for apprenticeships, some people told me, "they're really hard to get", "they are impossible, everyone applies." However, I would say to ignore those words and don't feel forced into going to university if that's not truly what you want. If you genuinely want a degree apprenticeship and you are prepared to work hard for it, you will get there eventually.

How did you find your apprenticeship?

I found mine by doing a search for journalism apprenticeships. Although a lot of companies advertise on the government website, they also advertise them on their own websites.

Want to know more? Our Careers Leader, Miss Mitchelmore, has put together this handy video on 'Apprenticeships Explained.'



You can watch more of these videos by subscribing to her Careers YouTube Channel here:
www.youtube.com/@Familycareersnetwork

Advice and Support for parents and carers:

Read the monthly Parents' and Carers' pack from Amazing Apprenticeships. It is filled with the latest advice and guidance, apprentice case studies, apprenticeship employer vacancies and much more. The latest version can be found on our school website (scroll to the bottom of this page to view the attachment)

<https://www.altrinchamcollege.com/careers/apprenticeships>

Don't forget that the majority of apprenticeship vacancies are advertised on:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

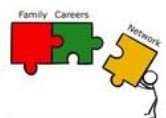
Apprenticeships Explained

Confused by apprenticeship terminology? The diagram below highlights the different apprenticeship levels available to students.

Age	Level	Academic			Vocational		Applied / work route	
18+	8	Doctorate PhD						
	7	Master's Degree / Postgraduate (1 year) MA, MSc, Mphil, PGCE					Higher Apprenticeships NVQ 4,5,6,7	
	6	Undergraduate Degree BA, BSc			Foundation degree			
	5							
	4							
16-18	3	A level (x3)		T level (x1)	BTEC Nationals Extended certificate (= 1 A level) Diploma (=2 A levels) Extended diploma (=3 A levels)	Advanced Apprenticeships NVQ 3		
14-18	2	GCSE Grades 9-4 (A*-C)				BTEC Firsts Certificate / Diploma	Intermediate Apprenticeships NVQ 2	
	1	GCSE Grades 3-1 (D-G)				Traineeships Unpaid (age 16-24)		
		Academic			Vocational		Applied / work route	



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Sixth Form: Apprenticeship Vacancies

The team at Amazing Apprenticeships have compiled a list of higher and degree apprenticeships vacancies for 2023 to save you searching!

Visit: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2022/11/Higher-Degree-Listing-FEB-2023.pdf>



Year 12 - Paid work experience opportunity



Year 12 students! This is a great opportunity to gain paid summer work experience week with PriceWaterhouseCooper. The application deadline is 10th March. Find out more:

<https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/early-careers/our-programmes/career-launch-work-experience.html>

Virtual Work Experience Opportunities (VWEX)



SPEAKERS
for schools

Speakers for schools offer lots of virtual work experience opportunities for student age 14+ Students will need to apply for specific work experience opportunities and then wait to see if they are accepted.

Create an account here: <https://www.s4snextgen.org/> - to view and be alerted to specific opportunities based on your interest's. Parental permission is required

Apprenticeship Opportunities: Year 11

The Government website is a great place to search for opportunities. Click on the link below to search for opportunities within a five mile radius of Altrincham College:

 **GOV.UK**

Find an apprenticeship

[Sign in / Create account](#)

Reminder

National Apprenticeship Week: 6 to 12 February 2023

Time to celebrate apprenticeships. Get involved with [National Apprenticeship Week](#).

Search results

We've found **20** apprenticeships in your selected area.

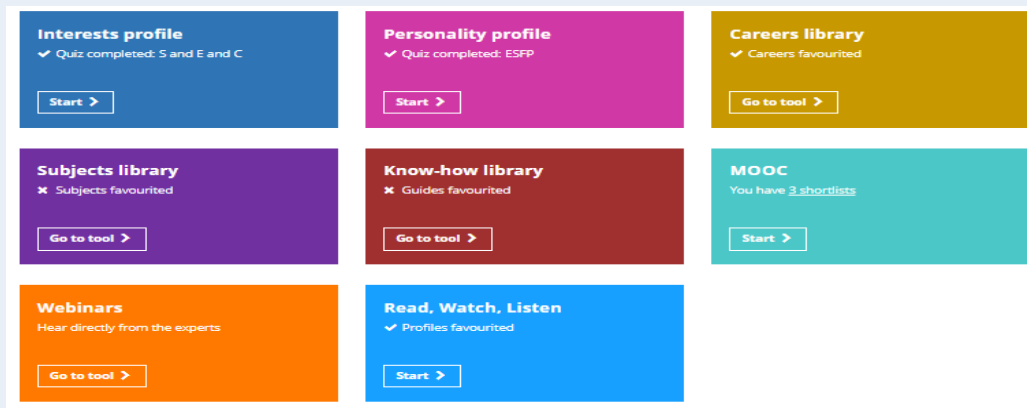


Did you know that Unifrog is Altrincham College’s new Careers Platform?

Unifrog is a complete online destinations platform: a ‘one-stop-shop’ for all students across KS3, KS4 and KS5, regardless of their interests or academic ability. It provides students and parents/carers with impartial, independent guidance on a range of career options.

Explore Unifrog with your child/ward: <https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in>

Log in using their school email address: e.g. username@altrinchamcollege.com



How to use Unifrog: Complete the ‘Interest’ and ‘Personality’ profile quizzes then use these to search for a career or job based on your interests/personality/favourite subjects. Click to read the career profile and scroll down to view entry requirements and Labour Market Information (LMI).

T Levels are a new, 2-year qualification designed to give you a head start towards the career you want.

The government has developed T Levels to deliver world-class technical education and give you a new choice after GCSEs.

Find out more here - <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students>



Search for T levels near you: <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/find>

For more information watch 'Qualifications & Levels Explained - Post 16 Education Options'
<https://youtu.be/PUrOFUbgw2g>

What are T Levels?

T Levels are high-quality technical alternatives to A Levels, combining classroom theory, practical learning and an industry placement – of at least 315 hours, or approximately 45 days – where students will build the knowledge and skills they need in a workplace environment.

From September 2021 we are proud to be offering courses in the following subjects:

- [Construction](#)
- [Digital](#)
- [Education and Childcare](#)
- [Health and Healthcare Science](#)



From September 2022, we will be adding T Level courses from the following subject areas:

- Business and Administration
- Engineering and Manufacturing

Not sure what T Level is for you? [Click here to take our T Level quiz.](#)

<https://www.tmc.ac.uk/qualifications/t-levels/>