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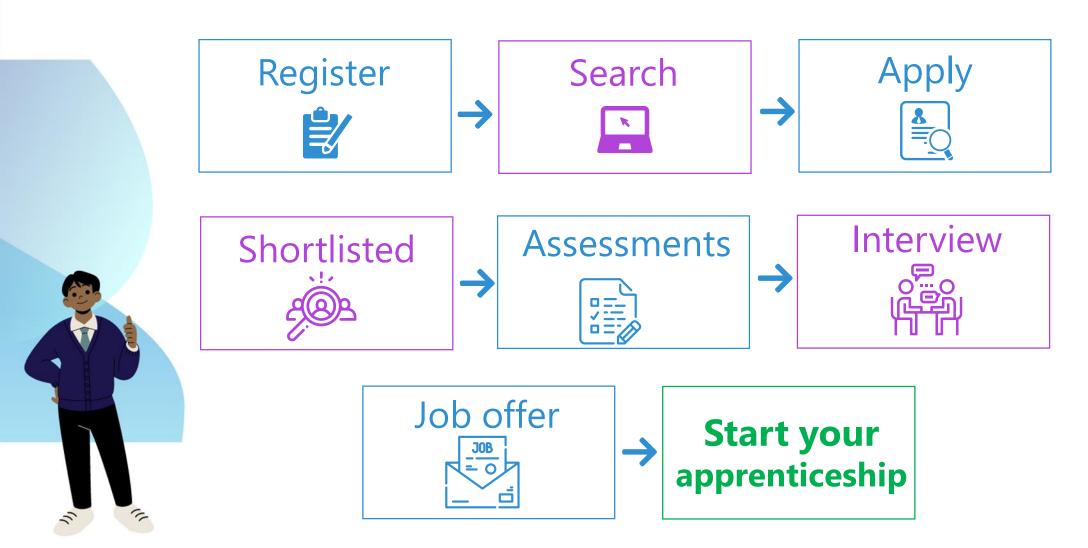


# Application and CV writing



## The application process







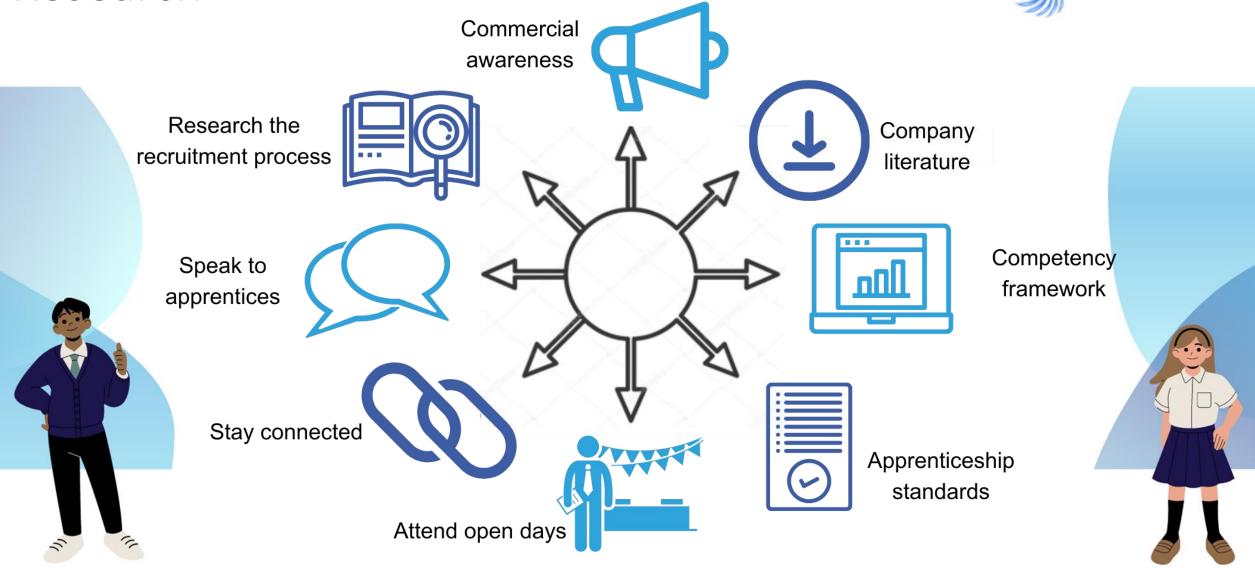
## **Application tips**





## Research





## Skills and Qualities





### Requirements and prospects

#### Desired skills

- Industry Knowledge and some experience of the Accounting industry
- Excellent customer service skills
- Confident and professional communicator, particularly on the telephone
- Good work ethic and understanding of appropriateness in the workplace
- · Excellent written and verbal communication
- Ability to listen and understand the client's needs Good attention to detail

#### Personal qualities

- Ability to work under pressure, multitask and cope with changing priorities
- Friendly and a team player Able to multi task

#### **Desired qualifications**

 GCSE English and maths A\*-C/4-9 or level 2 equivalents

#### **Future prospects**

After successfully achieving the AAT Level 4 qualification, the candidate will be considered for additional training and/or the opportunity to progress to a more senior level with the firm and a career within accountancy.



## Key learnings: Strengths and skills questions





Recognising strengths is key to successfully 'selling yourself' to an employer



We all demonstrate our skills each day



Your strengths will develop ...it's a changing journey.......



Enables you to match yourself to suitable jobs



Also helps to spot any areas where you could improve your skills or knowledge



If you get stuck – ask your family, friends or teachers what they think your strengths are



Keep a skills log as you're learning new things so you can come back to it for each new application



Practise makes perfect



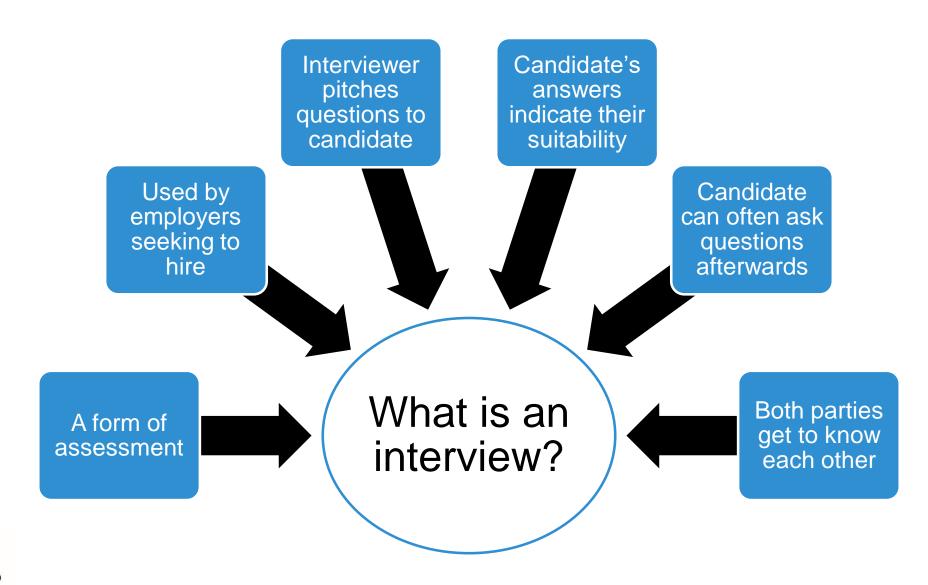
Apply the same techniques to other questions that could be asked on other application sites





### What is an interview?





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### **Preparation**











Sleep

Wash

Brush hair

Dress smartly









Plan journey

Access

ID

Instructions





**Smile** 



Questions

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### **Typical Interview Questions**



What research have you done? What do you know about our company?

Why do you want this apprenticeship?

Why should we hire you?



Describe your relevant strengths and experience

Give an example of when you have worked with others to solve a problem

How would you respond if you made a mistake at work?

Tell me about your greatest achievement...

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Do you know of any others? How might you answer these questions?

### **Answers and Responses**



The S.T.A.R. technique helps you to answer using a relevant example

#### Situation

What was the situation you found yourself in? Describe the general background and context

### Result

What happened as a result of your action?

S.T.A.R.

### **T**ask

Describe the specific task you had to complete or the problem you needed to solve

### Action

Describe the action you took – what did you actually do?

TfL Example:

Give an example of when you have provided good customer service

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## Any questions?







