

4. Salaries

The national minimum wage for an apprentice is currently £3.50 an hour (which is due to increase to £3.70 in April 2018).

Many employers pay more than this and it just depends on the sector, region and apprenticeship level.



Higher apprenticeships can get up to £500 a week.

5. Entry Requirements

Anyone over the age of 16 and living in England can apply for an apprenticeship but there are different entry requirements depending on the sector and job.

6. Applying for an apprenticeship

Applying is simple. All your child needs to do is:

1. Complete the application form for any vacancies available on our website
2. Take part in a quick phone interview/eligibility check
3. Attend an information session
4. Meet with employers for interview
5. Be inducted onto their apprenticeship at the college once successful



If they are not quite ready for an apprenticeship, a traineeship is a great opportunity to gain valuable work experience with a local employer and improve their English and maths if needed, ready for an apprenticeship.

For more information on apprenticeships at Leeds City College:

Call: 0113 284 6464

Email: apprenticeships@leedscitycollege.ac.uk

Or visit: leedscitycollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships



APPRENTICESHIPS



A STEP BY STEP GUIDE FOR PARENTS

1. What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship provides your son or daughter with an opportunity to train in a real job, whilst earning a wage and gaining a nationally recognised qualification at the same time.

Increasing in popularity and a key focus on the government's agenda, apprenticeships cover a multitude of sectors; from healthcare and engineering, to creative arts and hospitality.



Apprenticeships can take between one and five years to complete and are available at different levels.

2. Apprenticeship levels

Just like other vocational courses, apprenticeships are available at different levels depending on your son or daughter's level of skills and qualifications.

This table gives you an idea of what each level is equivalent to.

Name	Level	Equivalent education level
Intermediate	2	Five GCSE passes at grade 9 to 4
Advanced	3	Two A level passes
Higher	4 - 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 - 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

Each apprenticeship is different but they all involve practical, on the job training and classroom learning/off the job training, resulting in an industry recognised standard or qualification. Apprenticeship standards are assessed at the end of a programme.



3. Benefits of an apprenticeship

There are many benefits to your son or daughter choosing an apprenticeship, these include:

- ✓ Earning a salary
- ✓ Developing industry relevant skills
- ✓ Fantastic progression opportunities (further study or moving up in the workplace)
- ✓ Increased future earning potential
- ✓ Learning at a pace suited to your son or daughter with the support of a mentor
- ✓ Paid holiday
- ✓ No debt to pay when completing a higher or degree level apprenticeship