

APPRENTICESHIPS

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

Overview

The following guidance has been prepared to share with parents who are supporting students based in England to make informed choices about their future.

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Part 1: What's an apprenticeship?

- It's a real job where students **learn, gain experience, study for a qualification and get paid.**
- An apprentice is an employee, **with a contract of employment** and holiday leave.
- Over **650 different apprenticeships** available, from Nuclear Engineer to Architect to Digital Marketer.



What are the benefits?

- Apprenticeships are funded by the Government and/or the employer so **apprentices don't have loans or tuition fees.**
- Wages vary depending on the industry but **salaries can often be very competitive.**
- By the end of an apprenticeship, they'll **have the right skills and knowledge** needed for their chosen career.



How does it work?

1. An apprenticeship takes between **one to six years to complete**.
2. Apprentices typically work for a **minimum of 30 hours a week** (and most will work full time, between 37 – 40 hours per week). Part-time options are also available in some cases.
3. Apprentices have time away from their day-job **protected for study**. This tends to equate to about a day a week and is also paid time.

Part 2: Apprenticeship levels

LEVEL 2

Intermediate

Job roles include
Nuclear Operative,
Junior Estate Agent,
Rail Engineering
Operative, Finance
Assistant.

GCSE

LEVEL 3

Advanced

Job roles include
Chef De Partie,
Fashion Assistant,
Veterinary Nurse, IT
Solutions Technician.

A LEVEL

LEVEL 4+

Higher

Job roles include
Marketing Executive,
Journalist, Clinical
Dental Technician.

FOUNDATION DEGREE+

LEVEL 6-7

Degree

Job roles include
Aerospace Engineer,
Police Constable,
Cyber Security,
Ecologist.

BACHELOR'S OR MASTER'S
DEGREE

Types of apprenticeships

There are over 650 different apprenticeship roles to consider. Here are some examples:

- Architect
- Cyber Security Technician
- Finance assistant
- Software developer
- Accounting & Taxation
- Game Programmer
- Boat Builder
- Journalist
- Solicitor
- Event Assistant
- Auto technician
- Youth Worker
- Civil Engineer
- Sports Coach
- Digital Marketer
- Personal Trainer



Part 3: How UCAS can support

Students can register on the UCAS Hub to:

- explore industries, employers, locations, careers and jobs
- shortlist their favourites
- find out where to start
- find out how to apply



NEW: Student pathways side by side

For the first time students can now see apprenticeship opportunities alongside undergraduate courses.

The UCAS Hub enables them to explore all their options and build a profile in one place.



Dental Nurse Apprentice

MR DEVANAND ISUKAPATLA

📍 South Shields

Apprenticeship level	Industry
England - Advanced Apprenticeship - Level 3	Medicine, dentistry nursing
Start date	Duration
30/10/2023	18 Months
Date posted	Closing date
06/03/2023	29/10/2023
Salary	
£10,982.40	



AAT Apprenticeship - Audit, Accounts and Tax (March 2024)

MOORE KINGSTON SMITH GROUP SERVICES LIMITED

📍 LONDON

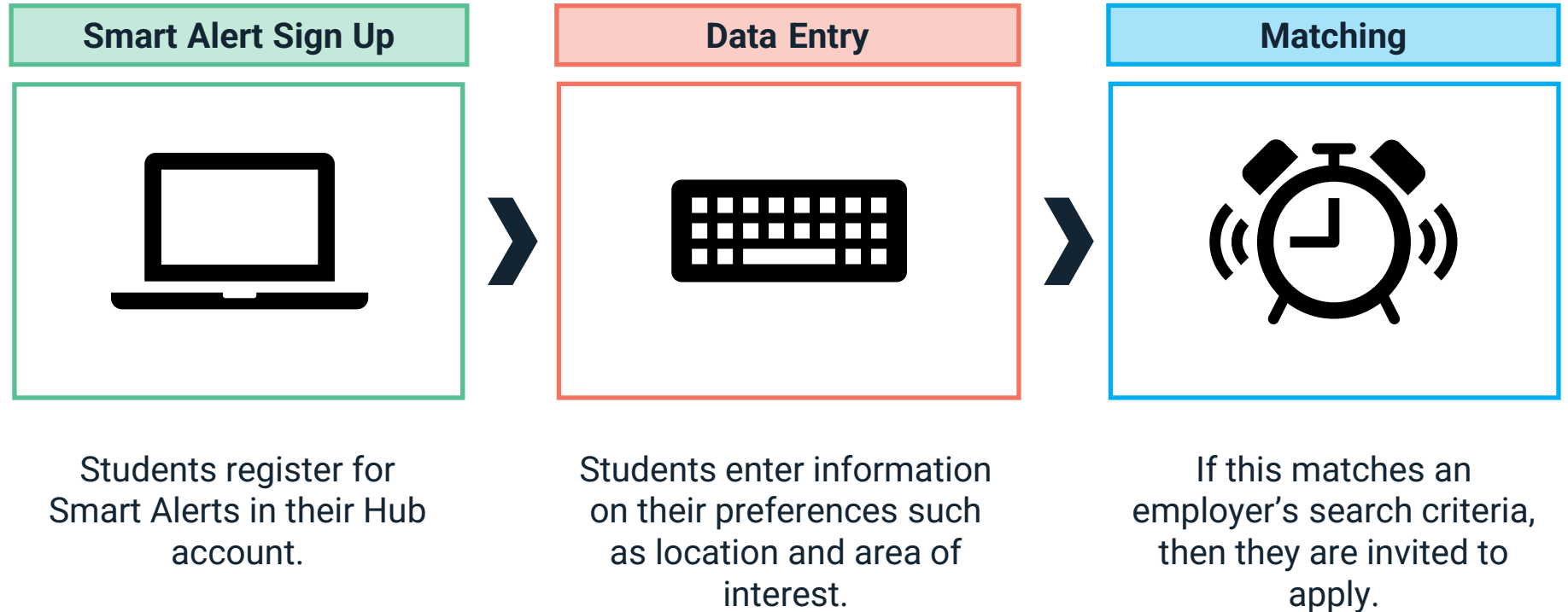
Apprenticeship level	Industry
England - Higher Apprenticeship - Level 4	Accounting and Finance
Start date	Duration
04/03/2024	2 Years
Date posted	Closing date
05/07/2023	30/10/2023
Salary	
£25,000.00	

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NEW: Smart Alerts

Smart alerts are a new matching service offered by UCAS.

The service enables students to be matched to regional vacancies.



The student journey

Smart Alerts

Student defines interests and can sign up to get matched to potential employers in their area.



Advisers signpost
students to the
UCAS Hub

Student
registers in
UCAS Hub

Explore
undergraduate &
apprenticeships

Build a
profile

Search
for
vacancies

Make an
application

Everything in one place

Understand the options and access the latest advice and guidance.

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National Apprenticeship Week 2024

Students can join us on social channels between 5 and 11 February as we cover everything you need to know about apprenticeships, including:

'How to find and apply for an apprenticeship', the difference between a traditional degree and a degree apprenticeship, and more.

We'll be hearing from current apprentices and apprentice employers, including **BT**, **Amazon**, **GE** and the **Royal Navy**.

8 February Instagram Q&A – students can get answers to their questions from a current apprentice at Girls in Marketing.





Visit www.ucas.com/apprenticeships

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