

60%

With **60% of students** aged 14-19 planning to go to university...



30%

...but just **30% of the jobs available** are at a graduate level...

...there has never been a better time to look at the alternatives



An alternative which is growing in popularity is the **intermediate, advanced or higher apprenticeship**



Get a foot on the **career ladder**



Earn while you learn



Gain professional skills which can lead to degree-level qualifications

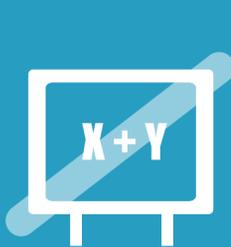
Who can apply for an apprenticeship?



Anyone who **lives in England...**



...is **over 16-years-old...**



...and **isn't in full-time education**

What are apprenticeships?

01.

Apprenticeships come in a variety of different forms, with **intermediate, advanced, higher & degree** levels.

02.

All apprenticeships are real jobs. That means **all apprentices will earn a salary** while they study.

03.

Apprentices work at **least 30 hours a week**, with entry depending on the sector and your qualifications.

04.

Apprentices must be paid **at least the apprenticeship national minimum wage**, though many employers **choose to pay more**.

Where will I start?

START

GCSE's

People who have GCSE qualifications would normally start at pre-apprenticeship or intermediate level, allowing them to build up their occupational skills while working.

Other

Other, less competitive sectors could allow you to join at an advanced or higher level.

A-Level

People who have reached A-Level standard may need to start at an intermediate or advanced level in certain sectors such as engineering.

How many apprenticeships are out there?

Apprenticeships are available in **1,500 different** job roles. Those roles cover **more than 170** industries.

Examples of job roles available are legal services, banking and engineering.

The benefits to getting an apprenticeship over a university degree

Over 70% of apprentices stay with the same employer when they finish their apprenticeship - **90% remain in employment**

People who complete a higher apprenticeship could **earn an extra £150,000** during their lifetime.

Over 240,000 workplaces employed an apprentice in 2013/14 with many blue chip companies hiring one.

No student loan – that means those getting an apprenticeship don't start their career saddled with debt.

To find out about the range of apprenticeships offered by **East Kent College** visit eastkent.ac.uk/subject/apprenticeships