

5-11th February 2024 is National Apprenticeships Week!

Apprenticeships are available for pupils after Year 11 and involve work-based learning; paid employment with a company whilst training towards accredited qualifications that are related to the job role. Apprenticeships can present an exciting alternative to full-time college or university study, with some apprenticeships being available right up to degree or postgraduate level!

Y11 pupils that have expressed they may consider an apprenticeship after school will be invited to a workshop in school on **Tuesday 6th February** or **Wednesday 7th February** with an external visitor from the apprenticeships sector to start registering for vacancies and learning more about the expectations of an apprentice. Apprenticeships can be highly competitive, so this is a useful opportunity for pupils to gain additional support with seeking vacancies.

The week also presents a fantastic opportunity for both pupils and parents <u>in all year</u> <u>groups</u> to explore apprenticeship options Post-16. We have collated various resources and virtual events that both pupils and parents can access:

Apprenticeship Overview Video –

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCNHUAe869s

A concise YouTube video presentation providing an overview of apprenticeships, delivered by Matt Leigh from GMPLN one of our apprenticeship partners in Greater Manchester (Note – the minimum rate of pay has now been increased since this video was made!)

Amazing Apprenticeships – Parent Zone https://amazingapprenticeships.com/parent-zone/

A wealth of resources on this website for parents wanting to know more about apprenticeships – including both reading material and podcasts. A great starting point on this website is the <u>Support</u> <u>for Parents & Carers Page</u>.

A Parent & Carers Guide to understanding Apprenticeships

SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2024, 09.00-10.00am, an online session aimed at parents for further information on apprenticeships.

Please book your free place via the registration link.

Where can I find apprenticeship vacancies?

Mr Farmer has created a <u>virtual apprenticeship vacancy noticeboard</u> showing local apprenticeship vacancies for Y11 pupils to consider. This is updated on a weekly basis. Note – most school leaver vacancies appear usually around April/May onwards.

(Please check vacancies carefully for details of job duties, location, and entry requirements before applying! Mr Farmer is available in school to support with applications – pupils should request an appointment in school if required).

These vacancies are mainly sourced from the <u>National Apprenticeship Website</u> – Y11 pupils are encouraged to create an account and search this website regularly (*will be covered in school session!*)

For any further support regarding apprenticeships, please contact Mr Farmer, school careers adviser – <u>simon.farmer@consilium-at.com</u>

When can Y11 school leavers start an apprenticeship?

After the legal school leaving date (the last Friday in June – which this is year is Friday 28th June 2024).

Do school leavers receive a wage as an apprentice?

Yes! Apprentices are paid - The minimum hourly pay for an apprentice will be £6.40 from April 2024.

What qualifications are required for an apprenticeship?

This can vary depending on factors such as the job sector, the level of apprenticeship, and the employer, however generally most apprenticeships would usually expect a range of GCSE grades 4-9, to include Grade 4+ in English Language and Mathematics.

Need support in finding an apprenticeship or employer?

Local apprenticeship providers can help! Training companies can support Y11 school leavers by linking them to local employers hoping to hire a new apprentice. They provide the qualifications to young people, but an also act as a recruitment service for employers!

Two of our biggest local apprenticeship providers are:

- <u>Salford City College Apprenticeships</u>
- The Growth Company

Both providers offer training and education to apprentices to help them gain the industry standard qualifications they need for their job role, as well as supporting applicants to search and find a suitable employer from a wide bank of existing local companies.

Both companies have an event coming up for Y11 pupils & parents to attend, please see details below!





Wednesday 22nd February 10.00am - 2.00pm



Come along to our Meet the Employer event at City Skills and meet local employers who have live vacancies including apprenticeships, this event is open to everyone. Our recruitment team will be on hand to register you for opportunities.

Apprenticeships at Salford City College offer qualifications in: Business & Professional Services, Construction, Childcare and Education, Health & Social Care and Hair & Beauty. Keep an eye on our social media for confirmed employers.

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You're invited to...

Greater Manchester SkillCentre

Open Event

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Thursday 29th February 2024 4.00pm-6.00pm



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We are delighted to be able to invite young people to our face-to-face Open Event where they will be able to have a look around our facilities and speak to our industry-trained tutors.

The Greater Manchester SkillCentre is a purpose-built, state-of-theart training facility, specifically built for training the next generation of apprentices and trainees.

Whilst we offer a wide range of apprenticeships and adult courses, this Open Event is aimed at young people aged 16-18 who are interested in starting one of our Pre-apprenticeship Study Programmes in the following subject areas:

- Construction Multi-trade
- Plastering
- Paint & Decorating
- Engineering
- Electrical Installation
- Automotive Light Vehicle Mechanics
- Carpentry and Joinery
- Plumbing

What is a Pre-apprenticeship Study Programme?

These courses are for young people aged 16-18 who wish to progress onto an apprenticeship but don't feel quite ready. You will gain hands-on experience that employers are looking for and a nationally recognised qualification. On successful completion, you will be offered support for progression onto one of our apprenticeships.

No need to book just turn up!

We look forward to seeing you there.

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