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NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026

9th – 15th February 2026 is [National Apprenticeship Week!](#)

Apprenticeships are available for students 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!

To raise awareness of apprenticeships, we will be inviting guest speakers into school as well as activities through class and 'R' time. Year 11 students that have expressed an interest in apprenticeships after school will be invited to a workshop with Mr Farmer to learn more about the expectations of an apprentice and register online for vacancies. Apprenticeships can be highly competitive, so this is a useful opportunity for pupils to gain additional support with seeking vacancies. *Please note - Workshops will be held after half term, once Year 11 mock exams are completed.*

The week also presents a fantastic opportunity for both students and parents in all year groups to explore apprenticeship options Post-16. Please see below for some further resources, as well as some frequently asked questions about apprenticeships!

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.

BBC Bitesize Careers – Apprenticeship Week resources - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>

Some fantastic resources for students to explore the different types of apprenticeships, including video reels from real life apprentices and podcasts for advice! (Lots of other careers information too!)

[Online Event – Navigate: National Apprenticeship Week Parent and Carer Webinar](#)

Mon 9th February 2026 6.30-7.30pm An online session aimed at parents for further information on apprenticeships. Please book your free place via the [registration link](#).

[Online Event – Apprenticeships Explained Webinar](#)

Wed 11th February 2026, 6-7pm (Scan the QR code to register!)

APPRENTICESHIPS EXPLAINED WEBINAR

Options, Opportunities
and Real Experiences



*An information session for
parents and young people*

 Weds 11th Feb 2026

 6pm-7pm

 Online

This interactive session is designed for parents, carers and young people who want to better understand what apprenticeships are really like! The webinar will include a clear overview of apprenticeships, followed by a live apprentice panel, where current and former apprentices will share their real experiences, answer questions and bust common myths.

Whether you're exploring next steps after school or supporting someone else to make informed choices, this event offers practical insights, honest conversations and the chance to hear directly from those who've been there.

[Book your place by clicking here](#), or scan the QR code.

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Struggling to book, or got a question? Get in touch: info@gmlpn.co.uk

Where can I find apprenticeship vacancies?

Mr Farmer has created a [virtual apprenticeship vacancy noticeboard](#) 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 – student should request an appointment in school if required).

These vacancies are mainly sourced from the [National Apprenticeship Website](#) – Y11 students 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 – simon.farmer@consilium-at.com

When can school leavers start an apprenticeship?

After the legal school leaving date; the last Friday in June - which this year is Friday 26th June 2026.

Do school leavers receive a wage as an apprentice?

Yes! Apprentices are paid - The minimum hourly pay for an apprentice will be £8.00 from April 2026.

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 also act as a recruitment service for employers!

Two of our biggest local apprenticeship providers are:

- [Salford City College Apprenticeships](#)
- [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.

Salford City College Apprenticeships Team also have an event coming up for Year 11 students & parents to attend, please see below!

MEET THE EMPLOYER

APPRENTICESHIP AND JOBS FAIR



WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 10.00AM - 1.00PM



CITY SKILLS, LISSADEL STREET, SALFORD, M6 6AP

[The Growth Company \(Trafford Park\)](#) are also holding an open event below for Y11 students and parents:

Thursday 26 February 2026: 4pm - 6pm

This would suit any Year 11 students interested in:

- Constuction trades
- Engineering
- Motor Vehicle

To secure a place, please call the centre on 0161 876 3300 or email Kyle.Bygrave@gceducationandskills.ac.uk