

Department for Education

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### CLIMB THE LADDER OF OPPORTUNITY WITH AN APPRENTICESHIP

Hello and welcome to National Apprenticeship Week!

I'm Robert Halfon, the Minister for Apprenticeships, and I want to tell you why they are such a great option to consider after school or college.



They provide the first step on the ladder of opportunity to really great prospects – enabling people to climb, rung by rung, towards greater earning potential and future prosperity.

All apprenticeship costs are paid for by the employer and the government. There are hundreds of apprenticeships across loads of occupations, from agriculture to aerospace, in the largest companies or with small local employers.

Apprentices' wages vary depending on the job and many employers pay well – they know the value of bringing new talent into their business. And there are apprenticeships from GCSE to university degree level – so whatever your final qualifications are when you leave school or college, there are opportunities waiting for you.

To search for apprenticeships in your area click here.

New apprenticeships become available all the time, so keep checking online to see what comes up. I am really looking forward to hearing the stories that come out of National Apprenticeship Week – please join some of the events if you can!

All the best

Robert Halfon

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Minister of State (Minister for Skills, Apprenticeships and Higher Education)

National Apprenticeship Week (6-12 February 2023) brings together employers and apprentices across the country with events and activities to show how apprenticeships really are amazing!



Why not join the <u>BIG Assembly</u> on 7 February, a free live broadcast shown to over 100,000 people across the country, where you can hear from apprentices, employers and parents about the benefits of apprenticeships.



Or join <u>BBC Bitesize</u> on 8 February as they broadcast a free live careers session from the Science Museum, exploring different apprenticeship routes within science.



# Apprenticeships

#### **Apprenticeships are changing lives**

There are thousands of apprenticeships covering a wide range of job roles in more than 170 industries, and new apprenticeships are advertised each week. You can use our website to search for apprenticeships in your local area.



You can also register to receive email and text alerts about new apprenticeship vacancies that match your search criteria as soon as they are advertised.

### Meet Adam: Apprentice at Pennine Labels

Adam recently achieved a distinction for his digital marketing apprenticeship and has gone on to make a real impact with his employers. Adam was



keen to build on his passion for photography and was excited to be enrolled on his digital marketing apprenticeship with Pennine Labels. Working for a small company, he has been supported by the management and given lots of responsibility.

#### Get the Jump!

Explore all your education and training choices by visiting the <u>Get the Jump website</u>

### Meet Sadaqat: Apprentice at Cushman & Wakefield

Sadaqat works at
Cushman & Wakefield
and is completing a
Chartered Surveyor
Degree Apprenticeship.
Sadaqat has been
provided with a fantastic



support network through his employer, giving him the opportunity to learn from colleagues. He loves and enjoys the work he does, having a positive impact, taking ownership and making a difference to diversity in the industry.

### Unsure which apprenticeship to choose?

There are lots of apprenticeships you can start straight after school. Check out our

career Starter Apprenticeships
and hear from young people how an apprenticeship has launched their careers.
Or you can contact our Apprentice
Ambassador Network for advice.

## Meet Ellie: Technical support apprentice at Sage Group Ltd



"I chose to start an apprenticeship with Sage because I had just left school and wanted to continue my education further, while

having more independence, and working in a professional environment."

#### **Further Information**

Our <u>apprenticeships.gov.uk</u> website has more information about apprenticeships and how to apply.

