

# Apprenticeships

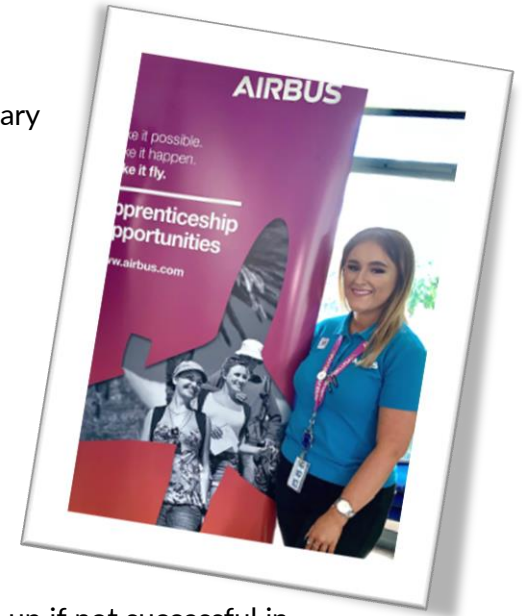
The benefits of an apprenticeship are that progression continues in education by gaining a qualification whilst earning a salary and developing more skills.

There are different levels of apprenticeships ranging from level 2 up to level 7. If you complete a level 3 qualification at college (A levels or BTEC level 3), there are many higher (level 4 and 5) or degree level apprenticeships available.

These are often competitive, so looking for opportunities to develop employability skills, such as voluntary work or work experience is a must.

Things to consider –

- The level of apprenticeship (look for progression).
- Not all industries offer apprenticeships.
- The recruitment process is often competitive, take up time and will likely include recruitment days.
- It is still recommended that students submit a university application, or defer entry for a year, as this will be a back-up if not successful in securing an apprenticeship.
- With an apprenticeship you will earn a salary and get their degree for free, although it may take a few more years to complete.



If you are interested in an apprenticeship, sign up to the [National Apprenticeship Service](#)



You can find out more about apprenticeships and search for vacancies, by looking at the following websites:



St John Rigby College also hosts an annual apprenticeships fair in October, where you will be able to find out about opportunities directly from potential employers and training providers. You can make an appointment with the college careers advisor by emailing [careers@sjr.ac.uk](mailto:careers@sjr.ac.uk)