

Year 13 Apprenticeship Information.

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Last year of Compulsory Education:

For students going into Year 13, this a time to consider the future upon leaving Gosforth Academy.

Some students may wish to apply for university and apprenticeships simultaneously in order to increase their chances of securing a destination on leaving us. Other students are intent on securing an apprenticeship and have no intention of attending Higher Education.

All students are encouraged to complete a UCAS application, as this can help staff in writing applications for all destinations on leaving us, including for apprenticeships, college or employment. This is to be completed, regardless of whether a student intends to attend Higher Education. Some Degree Apprenticeships will require an application through UCAS, and will take up one of the five choices students have for their UCAS application.

What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a qualification gained while working. In order for an apprenticeship to work, there are two components made up of a workplace provider, and a training provider.

1. Workplace provider – this is where you will spend the majority of your time, and will be your employer. For example, an apprenticeship in Health & Social Care might have a workplace provider in a care home.
2. Training Provider – this is who will support you with the theory to go alongside your role in the workplace. Using the example of Health and Social care again, a student may work in a care home supporting residents with a number of tasks to help make them independent. The training provider will look at the reasons behind why the student completes these tasks, and will give them more in depth explanations and requirements set by industry standards.

In a separate document created by Amazing Apprenticeships (link to document in references), the levels of apprenticeship have been explained for your information.

What subject/role can I complete an apprenticeship in?

[Apprenticeships by school subject | The Apprenticeship Guide](#)

Art and DT apprenticeships

Business studies apprenticeships

Engineering apprenticeships

English apprenticeships

Food technology apprenticeships

Geography apprenticeships

History apprenticeships

ICT apprenticeships

Languages apprenticeships

Maths apprenticeships

Music and drama apprenticeships

PE apprenticeships

Science apprenticeships

Although there are apprenticeships that touch on subjects offered in all of the above fields, some are more prevalent in the North East than others.

Areas such as Digital Tech, Manufacturing, Engineering, Health and Social Care and Financial Services are all areas where apprenticeships are more easily found. Some students find the subject they are interested in is not one which is offered regularly in the North East, and as such they may need to travel/relocate to secure a role.

Degree Apprenticeships

A degree apprenticeship enables you to gain a full undergraduate or master's degree while you work. Degree apprenticeships take three to six years to complete, depending on the course level.

You'll spend most of your time working and you'll also study part-time at university. For example, you might go to university one or two days per week, or in short blocks, such as a week at a time. Overall, you spend about 20% of your time studying vs. 80% of your time working.

Degree apprenticeships work differently across the UK:

England and Wales both offer degree apprenticeships, with the most options currently available in England.

In Scotland, degree apprenticeships are known as Graduate Apprenticeships.

Northern Ireland offers higher level apprenticeships (HLAs) that offer you qualifications up to Level 7 which is the equivalent of a master's degree. However, the majority are at Level 5, which is equivalent to a foundation degree.

Where should I look for apprenticeships?

- Tel: 0800 0150400
- Email: nationalhelpdesk@sfa.bis.gov.uk
- [Apprenticeships | Newcastle City Council](#)
- [Apprenticeships \(ncl-coll.ac.uk\)](#)
- [Apprenticeships Jobs in Newcastle upon Tyne | Notgoingtouni](#)
- [REACH NEW HEIGHTS | ICAEW Careers](#)
- [About Apprenticeships - The Science Council ~ : The Science Council ~](#)
- [Apprenticeships | Your Homes Newcastle \(yhn.org.uk\)](#)
- [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Springboard North East | Courses, Training and Apprenticeships \(springboard-ne.org.uk\)](#)
- [Northern Skills | Apprenticeships & Training North East](#)
- [Amazing Apprenticeships](#)
- [Apprenticeships Directory - Find Apprenticeships - Apprenticeships & EPA Assessment Directory \(APAR\)](#)
- [Apprenticeship vacancies leaflet \(gosforthacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- https://www.ey.com/en_uk/careers/students/programmes/schools
- <https://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice>
- <https://www2.deloitte.com/uk/en/pages/careers/articles/early-careers-programmes.html>
- <https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/early-careers/our-programmes/join-us-from-school.html>
- <https://www.bakertilly.ie/english/about-us/join-us/trainee-programme/#>
- <https://careers.icaew.com/find-your-route/school-leaver-programme>
- <http://naoaccountancyscheme.co.uk/>
- <https://islcareers-islps.icims.com/jobs/17377/trainee-accountant/job?mode=job&iis=Job+Posting&iisn=LinkedIn&mobile=false&width=1178&height=500&bga=true&needsRedirect=false&jan1offset=0&jun1offset=60>

When Should I look?

Larger and more established organisations, will open applications in September for the following academic year. The top four Financial Services companies: Deloitte, KPMG, EY and PWC are among those who will recruit in September 2023 for September 2024.

Many of the apprenticeships that have recruitment drives for large cohorts, open applications in November and February. Each year, the government promote apprenticeships in February with National Apprenticeship Week.

[National Apprenticeship Week \(appawards.co.uk\)](http://appawards.co.uk)

Gosforth Academy recognise this campaign by inviting in speakers and holding support workshops for apprenticeship applications. You can find information on Frog about our last NAW.

For smaller companies that recruit apprentices to fill a role according to need, the vacancy will appear at any time in the year to reflect this need. This type of apprenticeship tends to be advertised less often.

Gosforth Academy tips for Success/Support

1. Students can follow @gosforthacademyfutures on Instagram and find information in the links
2. Attend the Careers Convention and network with employers
3. Read the notices sent round fortnightly for potential information on advertised apprenticeships.
4. Speak to your tutor or the Progression Manager (Mrs Carter/Mr Limbrick) for 1-2-1 support and guidance
5. Attend the sessions arranged in school for National Apprenticeship Week 2024 in February next year
6. Create a LinkedIn profile if you haven't done so already, and network with employers.

Examples of Success Stories from Ex Students

1. Sage Plc Customer Service Apprentice- In January 2021 students from Gosforth Academy attend an Insight day at Sage premises at Quorum Business Park. Students were encouraged to network with the staff leading the event, and to make notes on how best to present an application. The event was delivered in part by another of our ex students, as she was able to secure an apprenticeship in PR the previous year. Two of our students were able to chat with her and seek advice on application success, and subsequently gained an apprenticeship in the Customer Service department.
2. EY Tax Degree Apprenticeship – Our leavers in 2023 were very successful in attaining apprenticeships. One student was accepted onto the Degree Apprenticeship at EY to study tax starting September 2024, and is currently planning to travel on her Gap Year. She was supported by the school with Mock interviews, and sought advice from the Progression Manager on her application before sending.
3. Degree Apprenticeship Accounting- Private firm- Another of our 2023 leavers secured an apprenticeship with support from the Progression Manager by creating a LinkedIn profile in order to liaise with employers. He was offered two different apprenticeships, and had applied to university as a backup. He was able to accept the offer he felt best suited him. The students attended mock interviews and sought guidance on how to communicate best with potential employers.

References:

[Apprenticeships by school subject | The Apprenticeship Guide](#)

[Advantages of Becoming An Apprentice | Make UK](#)

[Degree apprenticeships - Learn more here \(ucas.com\)](#)

[National Apprenticeship Week \(appawards.co.uk\)](#)