

Degree Apprenticeships, Information and Links

A number of LRGS students will choose to follow the apprenticeship route after school.

Mrs Hope, our School Careers Adviser, is always happy to meet with and support these students. She has kindly prepared the information below which we have decided to send to both Year 12 and Year 13, as we often find that the sooner students start considering these options, the better.

Along with the weekly careers newsletter that the school emails to students, there is also a careers section on the school website and lots of useful information on the Unifrog platform about all types of future pathway. This platform not only contains apprenticeship listings but also features a range of tools which support students in shortlisting apprenticeships and in preparing them for applications and interviews.

We have also included some resources from Amazing Apprenticeships and the Department of Education about how to find and apply for apprenticeships.

The main points to remember about apprenticeships are:

- The training and skills you gain as an apprentice are focused on one specific industry, whereas a university degree can lend itself to a broader range of careers by teaching more general skills.
- By completing an apprenticeship, you will immediately enter the world of work and have a contract of employment with terms and conditions of employment. Usually, there is a more practical approach to learning and you will gain a variety of qualifications, including HNCs, HNDs and then degrees along the way.
- There aren't usually set dates which start the process of application. Therefore, it is important that if you are applying for an apprenticeship, you treat it as job search and sign up both to the websites below and also on company websites.
- It is important that you meet closing dates; if your application is late, it will be disregarded.

Where to find listings of apprenticeships:

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/
www.jobmanji.com/
www.studentladder.co.uk/
www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/
<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/>
www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/degree-apprenticeships
www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk/jobs/degree-apprenticeships

Some other useful sites and resources:

- www.gradcracker.com
- Trotman 'Is going to Uni worth it?'
- indigo.careers 'Degree Apprenticeships: the Lowdown'.
- Prospects.ac.uk 'should I go to university or do an apprenticeship'.
- <https://apprenticeship.news>
- The Complete Guide to Higher and Degree Apprenticeship.
- <https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships>
- <https://apprenticeship.news>

If you have any questions about apprenticeships or you need any help or support with any part of the process of applying for them, please contact either Mrs Hope or a member of the Sixth Form Team.

