



Ada Lovelace  
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High School

# Accounting & Finance

## T-Level

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# Who is **Accounting & Finance** aimed at?

You will likely:

- Have a clear idea as to the **industry** you wish to pursue a **career** in
- An idea of the type of **job role** you would like to explore as a **career**
- Have taken an active choice **not to pursue** an apprenticeship or an alternative pathway through an A level route.
- Aspirations of obtaining a professional qualification, like the **ACA, ACCA** or **CIMA**

**ACCA**

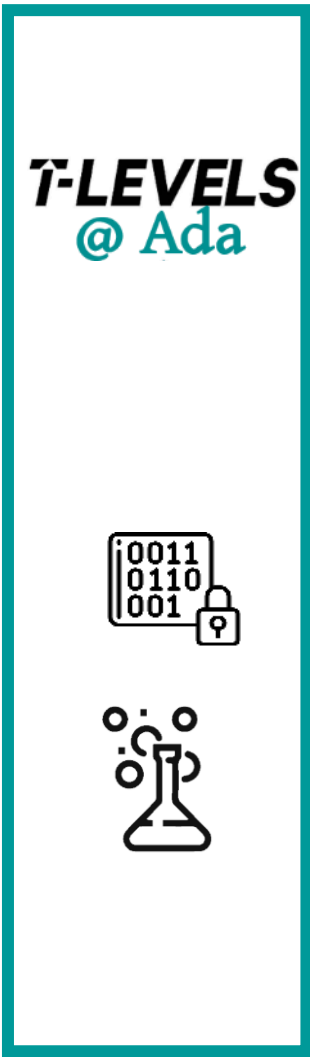
*Boots*

 **Santander**

**NetworkRail**  


**cipp**

GCSEs →



Accounting  
**University Degree**  
 Business management



Trainee Financial Analyst  
**Degree Apprenticeship**  
 Trainee Accountant



Finance  
**Apprenticeship**  
 Wealth Management



Payroll clerk  
**Start career**  
 Cashier finance assistant  
 Assistant accountant

"Make the leap..."

# Degree apprenticeship vs traditional degree route

- The **gold** standard post-18 pathway
- No debt, degree from a prestigious university
- Earn a high salary – typically in excess of £25,000
- Incredible career prospects vs any other pathway



# Student debt vs lifelong tax

- Your student loan accrues interest every year, typically at the rate of RPI (Retail Price Index) which has in the past risen to 3%
- Once you earn over a threshold, you start paying it back monthly from your payslip and you begin accruing interest
- For some – the interest outstrips the repayments and your loan increases, rather than decreases

Almost 1.8m people owe £50,000 or more in student debt

'I got a £44,000 student loan - now I owe £54,000'

University tuition fees rising to £9,535 in England

# Student debt vs lifelong tax – Case Study

- **Tom (28)** works in **finance**, with a salary of **£52,000** a year.





# Student debt vs lifelong tax – Case Study

- Once you choose an A Level route, you could be less likely to earn a place on a degree apprenticeship program
- You might not have the necessary work experience to make you an attractive candidate.



*“Forget the idea that it is a loan; for the vast majority of people your student finance is in fact a tax of 9% every year on your earnings.” Martin Lewis, Money Saving Expert, July 2024.*

# Which apprenticeship?

TRAINEE CAREERS

**Finance - Level 4**

Our goal is to achieve a financially sustainable future. As a Finance apprentice, you'll have a huge part to play in this.

School and College Leaver Programme

**UK Degree Apprenticeship**

Degree Apprenticeships offer the chance to gain fully-funded undergraduate qualifications whilst you work with us over four-and-a-

**Audit**

If you've got an eye for detail and a drive to make an impact, help us ensure the ongoing transparency, and success of our business.

**Business Apprenticeship Programme**

Assurance

Audit Apprenticeship Programme

Cambridge

Apply now

**Finance**

Salary: £23,000

Holiday allowance: 20 days pro rata plus a personal day

What you need: English Language and Maths GCSE grade C/4 or above

Location: Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire

Programme start date: 1 September 2025



Advisory & Compliance Solutions  
September 2025 - Birmingham

# The Accounting & Finance course in Year 12

- Two **exam** papers (90 marks, 2½ hours)
- A **12-hour project** – called the **ESP** (Employer Set Project)
- Access to our incredible **T-Level suite** and professional grade software
- A work placement lasting at least 315 hours.



# The Accounting & Finance course in Year 12

## Course content

- Majority of the content is shared with another T Level (Legal)
- Ethics, Legal concerns, roles within Accounting & Finance and essential accounting practice form the foundation of your knowledge.



T Level in Accounting		
Technical Qualification, 1100 GLH		
Externally set, covering all core content	<b>Core Examinations</b> Knowledge, skills and understanding that go across the specification	A* - U
	<b>Employer Set Project</b> English, maths and digital skills for the route	
Externally assessed synoptic assessment	<b>Occupational specialism</b> Assistant Accountant	P, M, D, U
Industry placement (minimum 315 hours)		Additional qualifications required by industry

# The Accounting & Finance course

## Outcomes

- 71% secured a grade **Merit (BBB/120 UCAS Points)** or **Distinction (AAA/144 UCAS Points)** in 2024 nationally – 10% above the results for all the other T-Levels
- Unlike the other T-Level courses, you could apply for a professional qualification school leaver program **as well as** a degree apprenticeship.



# The work placement

- Your work placement could take place at a local accountancy practice, a big City professional services firm like KPMG or within a large City insurance broker.
- You need to complete at least 9 weeks of work experience for the T Level
- You will put into practice what you have been studying in the classroom.

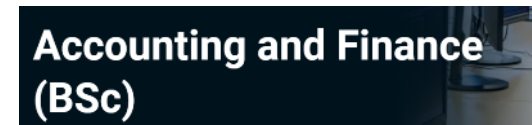


# Possible pathways

## Scenario

You finish the Accounting & Finance T-Level with a **Merit**.  
You have the choice:

- UCAS Route → **University of Southampton** (Accounting and Finance Bsc)
- School Leaver Program at **Grant Thornton** on their employer solutions programme where you work towards a series of professional level qualifications, earning a salary of more than £25k
- Degree Apprenticeship with **PWC** in their Accounting Flying programme.



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## To Summarise

- Opportunity for anyone who knows they want to pursue a challenging finance career, whilst learning job relevant skills to give them a head start on the competition.
- An exceptional alternative to the traditional UCAS route into graduate jobs, without the huge debt which will become a financial burden for potentially the rest of your working life.

