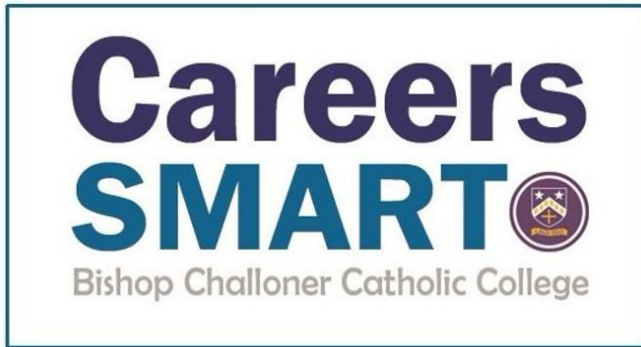




Degree apprenticeships: The right choice for you?



Objectives: To understand more about degree apprenticeship pathways and start to research possibly opportunities.

Class Discussion



Which do you think you will prefer – university or an apprenticeship?

What are the pros and cons of each one?

Wait a minute...



... I can do both, at the same time?!

It's not just a case of doing a degree at university, *or* doing an apprenticeship.

You can do a combination of both.

They're called degree apprenticeships, and they're fantastic! Let's find out why...

What are degree apprenticeships?



- Get on-the-job training, as you would with a conventional apprenticeship
- Study towards a degree, at the same time
- Study part-time at a college or university
- Get paid a wage for working, and your tuition fees covered... win-win!

Degree apprenticeships - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mq95n-1Fy3k>



Why choose a degree apprenticeship over university?



There are plenty of advantages to enrolling on a degree apprenticeship:

- **Degree level qualifications:** you will finish your apprenticeship with a bachelor's degree or equivalent
- **No fees:** you won't have any student loans to pay back
- **Real job experience:** unlike your university buddies, you will be getting day-to-day experience working within the sector you want to build your career in
- **Good salary:** degree apprenticeships often offer salaries ranging from around £250-£400+ per week!

What areas can you do a degree apprenticeship in?



As degree apprenticeships are only available in vocational subjects that require a high level of academia, the range of subjects on offer is narrower than that of traditional apprenticeships.

However, there are still lots of opportunities in sectors such as:

- aerospace engineering
- aerospace software development
- automotive engineering
- business management
- construction
- defence
- digital industries
- electronic systems engineering
- financial services
- life and industrial sciences
- management
- nuclear
- nursing
- power engineering
- public relations
- social work
- surveying

True or False



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You can achieve a degree through a Russell Group University by undertaking an apprenticeship – *True or False?*

True: More than 80 universities offer degree apprenticeship programmes and many of these are Russell Group Universities (a group of 24 world-class research-intensive universities)

True or False



You can become a solicitor through an apprenticeship
– *True or False?*

True: There is now a legal pathway for apprentices that enables them to study all the way up to level 7 (Master's) to become a fully qualified Solicitor



True or False



You can achieve fully qualified teacher status through an apprenticeship – *True or False?*



True: There is a teaching apprenticeship which enables apprentices to become fully qualified teachers through the apprenticeship pathway

True or False



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True: Those studying a degree apprenticeship achieve exactly the same degree as someone studying full time at university – the only difference is it might take a bit longer.

True or False



Apprentices achieve professional status / membership through their programme – *True or False?*

True (usually): Many of the new apprenticeships have professional status / membership built into the programme and often the cost of this will also be included within the funding for the apprenticeship, meaning that there is no cost to the apprentice.

True or False



You can become a doctor through an apprenticeship –
True or False?









False: You cannot currently become a doctor through an apprenticeship. There are many new apprenticeships being added to the offer, including Nursing and other healthcare roles, but doctor is a profession that you would still need to follow the traditional full time higher education pathway for.

Unifrog activity!

TASK 1:

- Click on the **Apprenticeships** button to explore Degree apprenticeship opportunities near you.
- Use the filters to select just Degree apprenticeships
- Select apprenticeships that you'd like to find out more about, then click 'next' to continue.
- The Shortlist shows you detailed information about each vacancy.

Higher / Degree (31)
Equivalent to Foundation / Bachelor's

-  Trainee Chartered Accountant - London Office
 Smith & Williamson
Distance: 1 miles
-  Tax Trainee - London Office
 Smith & Williamson
Distance: 1 miles
-  Business Degree Apprenticeship
 Capgemini
Distance: 1 miles
-  Accountancy / Taxation Professional Level 7
 BT
Distance: 1 miles

next: 3 vacancies ▶ or go back



Apprenticeships
You have 1 shortlist

Start ▶

Rank ▼ Filter ▲ Keyword search

All distances within 5 miles 2 miles

All start dates Within 2 weeks Within 4 weeks Within 2 months In 2+ weeks In 4+ weeks In 2+ months

All types Apprenticeships Traineeships Degree apprenticeships Disability Confident

Unifrog activity!

TASK 1:

For each vacancy, think about the following:

- Which qualifications are on offer?
- What are the financial benefits?
- Are these opportunities available locally?
- What are these employers looking for?



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Degree Apprenticeship Application Process



There is a common myth that getting an apprenticeship is easier than applying to university. This is **FALSE**. Most degree apprenticeships are very competitive so there is often a long application process. Below is an example of the stages you may have to go through as part of the application.

Online Application

- Provide information about your academic background, work experience and interests.
- You may also be asked to answer to competency based questions.

Audio/Video Submission

- Record yourself giving answers to set questions.
- This is not only testing how you answer the questions, but also how you communicate and present yourself.

Online Psychometric/Logical Tests

- Online tests assess your critical qualities for job success, such as problem solving, effective communication, and being innovative and creative.

Assessment Centre

- Complete a combination of tasks and activities that test your suitability for the job.
- May include games, group tasks, written assessments and one to one interviews

Face to Face Interview

- A chance for recruiters to ask you more in-depth questions and get to know you better.
- Usually the final stage of the recruitment process.

Have a go at online tests!



TASK 2: Try each of the following types of online assessments that employers use to see how you get on:

- Logical reasoning -
<https://www.assessmentday.co.uk/logic/free/LogicalReasoningTest1/index.php>
- Situational judgement –
<https://www.assessmentday.co.uk/situational-judgement-test/index.php>
- Game based assessments -
<https://www.testpartnership.com/gamified-assessment.html?adcampaign=adreferral>

Links have
been sent to
you on Unifrog

To conclude...



After today's session, who is considering a degree apprenticeship?

Why?

For those thinking it's not for you, why?