

Apprenticeships, Traineeships and T-Levels

AT MADELEY SCHOOL

- Real opportunities
- Real experience
- A brighter future

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Future
Starts
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Exploring Your Post-16 Pathways

At Madeley School, we are committed to helping every student explore the full range of pathways after GCSEs. Whether you are interested in practical learning, gaining work experience, or starting a career while studying, our guidance on T-Levels, traineeships and apprenticeships will give you the tools and knowledge to make informed choices.

This page brings together information, resources and local opportunities so that students and parents can understand each pathway, see what's available in North Staffordshire, and start planning the next steps towards a rewarding career.

All pathways offer:

- ✓ Real skills and experience
- ✓ Recognised qualifications
- ✓ Progression to employment or higher education
- ✓ Support from local providers and employers



Apprenticeships

Earn | Learn | Build Your Career



A real job with a real employer, where you earn a salary while gaining qualifications and valuable experience.

With over 600 apprenticeship standards across a wide range of industries – from accountancy to zoo keeping – there is an apprenticeship for everyone.

At Madeley School, we ensure pupils understand the different apprenticeship levels, where to find them, and how to evaluate if an apprenticeship is right for them.

We work with ASK Apprenticeships, who visit Year 10 and Year 11 pupils during careers activities and National Apprenticeship Week, and with Newcastle College and other local providers for assemblies and talks across the year.



Useful Links – Apprenticeships



ASK Apprenticeships
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/apprenticeships/>
Comprehensive guidance for students, career pathways and application tips.



ASK Apprenticeships – Parent Pack
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/parents-packs-1>
A downloadable pack for parents with key information about apprenticeships, funding and support.



Newcastle & Stafford College Group
<https://nscg.ac.uk/apprenticeships>
Local apprenticeship opportunities and guidance on eligibility and application.



Reaseheath College
<https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/apprenticeships/>
Details of apprenticeships in agriculture, animal care and land-based industries.



Cheshire College South & West
<https://www.ccsww.ac.uk/apprenticeships/>
Local apprenticeship offerings, entry requirements and support.



Achieve Training
<https://www.achievetraining.org.uk/apprenticeships>
Apprenticeships in various trades and professional sectors.



KMF – Young Apprenticeships
<https://www.kmf.co.uk/more/young-apprenticeships.html>
Resources and opportunities for school-aged students.



Virtual Assembly – Introduction to Apprenticeships
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVZdkVdlwz4>
A video assembly for Madeley School students introducing apprenticeships and pathways.



Traineeships

Develop | Gain Experience | Move On



A structured programme to build the skills, experience and confidence you need to move into work or an apprenticeship.

Traineeships usually combine:



Work preparation training
Developing employability skills such as communication, teamwork and time management.



English and maths support
If required to meet entry requirements for future apprenticeships.



A work placement
Giving practical experience in a real job environment.

Traineeships are aimed at students who are motivated to work but may not yet have the experience or qualifications to start an apprenticeship or full-time job. They provide a pathway to **employment**, helping young people gain the skills and confidence to succeed in their chosen career.



Where to Complete Traineeships



Cheshire College South & West
<https://www.ccsww.ac.uk/traineeships/>
A range of traineeship programmes with work experience and employability training.



Newcastle & Stafford College Group
<https://nscg.ac.uk/study/traineeships>
Structured traineeships for 16–19-year-olds to prepare for apprenticeships or employment.



Reaseheath College
<https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/traineeships/>
Traineeships in land-based industries, agriculture and animal care.



Achieve Training
<https://www.achievetraining.org.uk/traineeships>
Work experience placements and training in vocational skills.



KMF – Young Traineeships
<https://www.kmf.co.uk/more/young-apprenticeships.html>
Local traineeship opportunities to develop employability skills and gain real work experience.



T-Levels

Practical Learning | Industry Experience | Future Careers



A high-quality qualification, equivalent to 3 A Levels, designed with employers and focused on the skills needed for the workplace.

T-Levels are a qualification that follow GCSEs and give students a head start towards the career they want.

They are ideal for students who want to work towards a skilled occupation, prefer practical learning, and enjoy a predominantly classroom-based course.

At Madeley School, we will introduce this pathway to pupils from **Year 9 to Year 11**, with support from external partners such as ASK Apprenticeships and Cheshire College South & West.

Key features of T-Levels:



Technical qualification equivalent to 3 A Levels



Includes a minimum 45-day industry placement



Designed with employers to meet industry needs



Progress to employment, apprenticeships or higher education



Useful Links – T-Levels



Amazing Apprenticeships – T-Levels
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/t-levels/>
Overview of T-Levels, including webinars, guides and resources.



Cheshire College South & West – T-Levels
<https://www.ccsww.ac.uk/t-levels/>
Information on T-Level courses available locally.



Newcastle & Stafford College Group – T-Levels
<https://nscg.ac.uk/study/course-types/t-levels>
Details of T-Level options, course structures and pathways.



Stoke-on-Trent 6th Form College – T-Levels
<https://www.stokesfc.ac.uk/t-levels/>
Guide to T-Level courses offered locally.



National Resources



National Apprenticeships Website
<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>
Official UK government portal for apprenticeships.



The Apprenticeship Guide
<https://apprenticeshipguide.co.uk/>
Detailed online guide to apprenticeships, industry information and application advice.



Interserve Learning and Employment (Realise Training)
<https://realisetraining.com/>
Apprenticeship and employment support, work-based training resources and guidance.



Which pathway is right for you?

There is no single route that suits everyone. Our careers programme will help you explore your interests, understand the options and make the best choice for your future.



Explore your interests



Gain real experience



Build the skills for a successful future