



# **PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' GUIDE TO APPRENTICESHIPS**

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## BENEFITS OF AN APPRENTICESHIP



- Apprenticeship standards are high quality, nationally recognised qualifications, which provide alternatives to A Levels, BTEC qualifications and Degrees.
- Apprentices gain in-depth training and development away from the workplace in addition to learning practical skills whilst in work with the support of their peers, line manager and/or mentor.
- Apprentices can progress onto higher and Degree level qualifications whilst they work, without the need for university loans.
- Apprentices earn a wage/salary from the first day of their employment.

## WHICH APPRENTICESHIP/CAREER ROUTE IS BEST?



- If your child knows the career they want, visit [wmc.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://wmc.ac.uk/apprenticeships) for details of apprenticeships supported by Wirral Met, or they can search for apprenticeship standards via <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/>
- If your child is unsure of which career route to follow,
  - Talk to them about their favourite subjects in school, their hobbies and interests out of school, including which careers they want to rule out.
  - Careers events at school may spark ideas of roles they would enjoy.
  - Work experience placements and part-time jobs are a great way of finding the types of jobs they enjoy.
  - Looking at company websites and social media accounts which are linked to areas your child is interested in, will also help.

## CREATING A CV



- Help your son/daughter with their CV and get them to include:
  - Details of hobbies, interests, voluntary work, sport activities etc.
  - Roles in school or college.
  - Projects they have worked on individually and as part of a team.

During the apprenticeship application process, applicants are often asked to demonstrate how they use essential skills. Hobbies and extracurricular activities are a great way to showcase these skills and experiences. To help, we've provided some examples of which skills different hobbies can demonstrate.

<p><b>ART/PHOTOGRAPHY</b></p> <p>Creativity, eye for detail, passion, patience, idea development.</p> 	<p><b>COMEDY</b></p> <p>Initiative, resilience, creativity, idea development, humour, confidence.</p> 	<p><b>COOKING</b></p> <p>Creativity, attention to detail, patience, self-expression, multitasking, fast-paced decision making.</p> 	<p><b>DANCE</b></p> <p>Creativity, dedication, perseverance, motivation, resilience, discipline, confidence, self-belief.</p> 
<p><b>DRAMA</b></p> <p>Confidence, self-awareness, presentation skills, dedication, resilience, teamwork, communication skills, creativity.</p> 	<p><b>GAMING</b></p> <p>Communication, analytical skills, resourcefulness, adaptability, technical skills, problem solving.</p> 	<p><b>MAKE-UP, BEAUTY, FASHION</b></p> <p>Creativity, following trends, research, techniques, interpersonal skills, confidence, attention to detail.</p> 	<p><b>MUSIC</b></p> <p>Dedication, creativity, teamwork, perseverance, memory, listening, collaboration, confidence.</p> 
<p><b>PET OWNERSHIP</b></p> <p>Dedication, responsibility, care, patience, time management.</p> 	<p><b>PUZZLES</b></p> <p>Strategy, logic, determination, analytical skills, problem solving, perseverance.</p> 	<p><b>READING</b></p> <p>Imagination, empathy, creativity, attentiveness.</p> 	<p><b>SCOUTS/GUIDES</b></p> <p>Initiative, teambuilding, confidence, leadership, communication, problem solving.</p> 
<p><b>SOCIAL MEDIA</b></p> <p>Presentation skills, audience awareness, self-awareness, interpersonal skills.</p> 	<p><b>SOCIALISING</b></p> <p>Communication, interpersonal skills, planning, rapport building.</p> 	<p><b>SPORTS/ FITNESS</b></p> <p>Motivation, communication, passion, dedication, teamwork, leadership, time management, competitiveness.</p> 	<p><b>VOLUNTEERING</b></p> <p>Motivation, passion, dedication, communication, interpersonal skills, networking, sense of community, empathy.</p> 

(Source: 'How hobbies can support an apprenticeship application' Apprenticeships Service/ Parents & Carers Pack January 2024: see [apprenticeships.gov.uk](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk) to find out more.)



## HOW TO FIND AN APPRENTICESHIP VACANCY

- Visit Wirral Met College's website: [wmc.ac.uk/current-apprenticeships-vacancies](https://wmc.ac.uk/current-apprenticeships-vacancies)
- Register with the National Apprenticeship Service: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- Search NHS Jobs
- Use Indeed or other online recruitment websites to search for apprenticeship vacancies.



## **WE'RE HERE TO HELP!**

Our Student Advisers will provide impartial advice and guidance to help you and your son/daughter/young person to find the best opportunity to suit individual needs and career aspirations.

Visit [wmc.ac.uk/student-support/information-for-parents](https://wmc.ac.uk/student-support/information-for-parents) for more information.