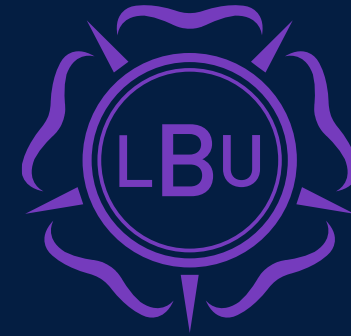


Lower Sixth Parents' Progression Evening: 20 April 2023



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Welcome! We will begin the webinar at 6:30pm.
Please ask any questions in the chat box.



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Schedule

Time	Event	Presenters
6.30 - 6.50 pm	Welcome, Notre Dame UCAS process and pastoral support.	Andrew Kellett Assistant Principal, Helen Pattison Head of Students (Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College)
6.50 - 7.05 pm	Student finance	James Kennedy (Leeds Beckett University)
7.05 - 7.20 pm	Apprenticeships	Andy Grayson (Leeds Apprenticeship Hub)
7.20 - 7.35 pm	Enhancing Excellence	Hannah Smith Enhancing Excellence Coordinator (Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College)
7.35 - 8.00 pm	Live Q&A panel	Andrew Kellett, Liz Crick Careers Adviser (Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College) James Kennedy, Andy Grayson

Support Available at Notre Dame

There is a wide range of help and support available for your child as they decide whether university is right for them.

We will also provide information, advice and guidance to our students regarding alternatives to higher education such as apprenticeships and employment.

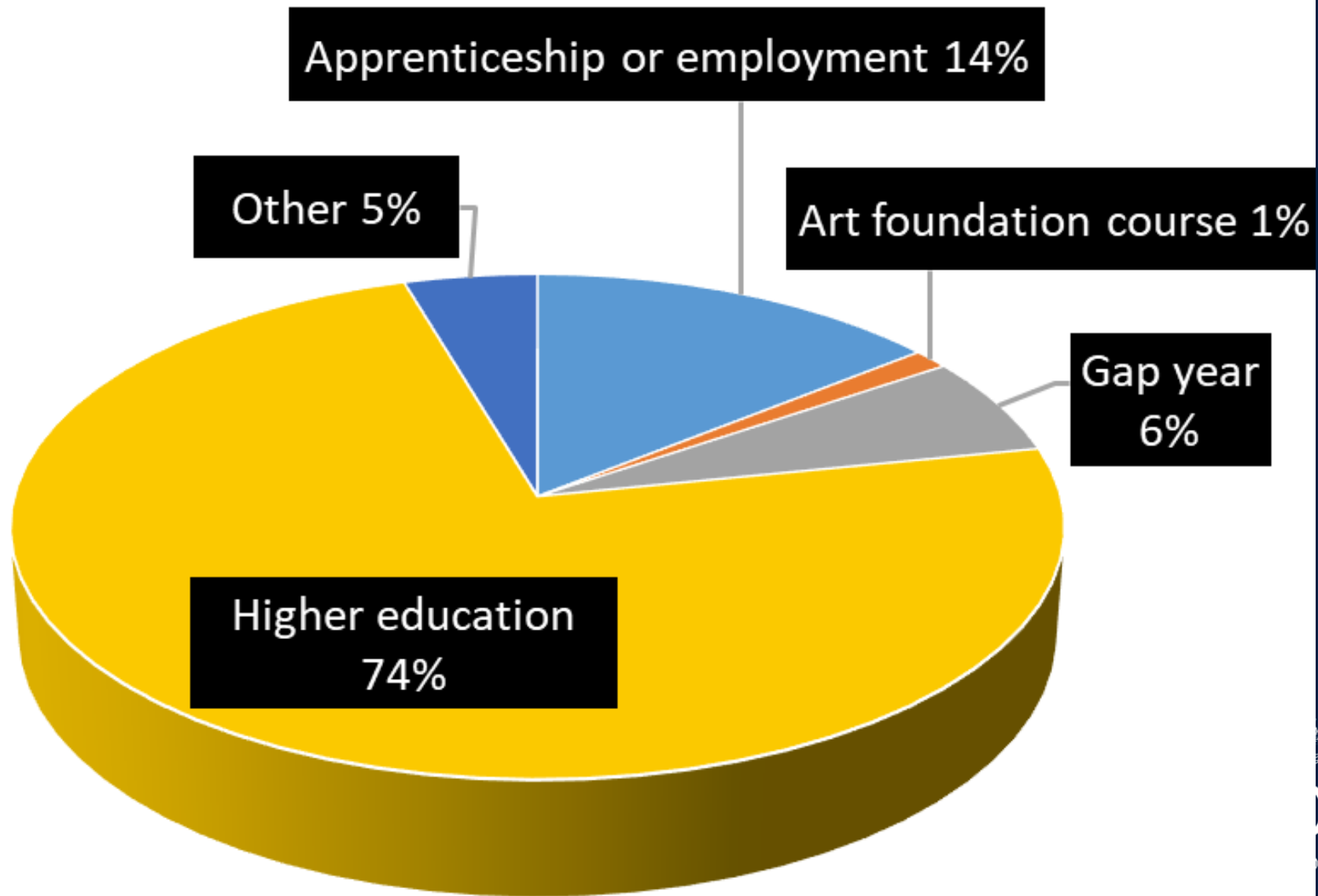


Support Available at Notre Dame

- Achievement Tutor
- Senior Tutor
- Careers
- Teaching staff
- Learning support
- Higher Education Day
- Careers Fair



Destination Data September 2022





Higher Education



Why Higher Education?

Opportunities while studying:

- Chance to study a subject about which they are passionate.
- Achieve a qualification that could lead to their chosen career.
- Grow in confidence, make lifelong friends, and gain independence and important life skills that will widen their prospects.

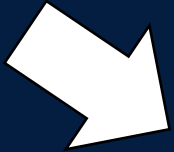
With a degree, they will have:

- The opportunity to follow their career path.
- Improved job prospects, as many employers target graduates higher earning potential.

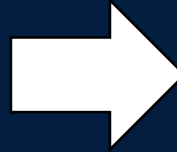


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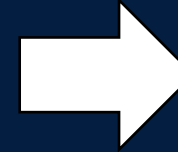
A student registers at UCAS.com



Sections to complete:
Personal details
Additional information
Student finance
Choices
Education
Employment
Personal statement
Reference details



Teacher / adviser adds their reference



Application is sent to UCAS

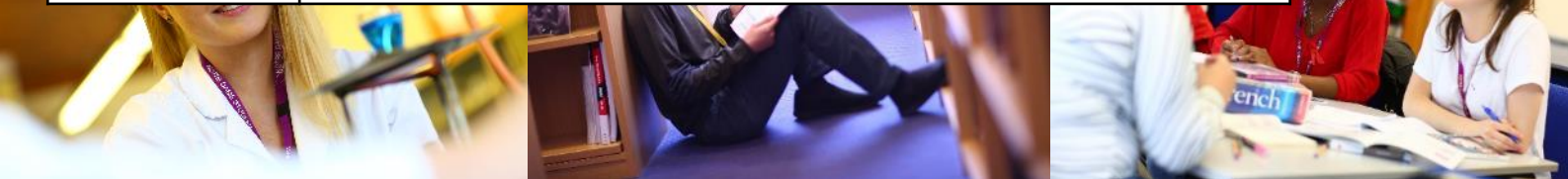


Universities / colleges make their decisions



Completing the UCAS Application Form

March 2023	Lower sixth students complete HE prep and research in tutorials	Sept 2023 onwards	Students complete their UCAS application during tutorials. They have <u>5 choices</u> (1 subject, 5 universities). Students are updated via UCAS Track. Students choose their firm and insurance offers.
April-June 2023	Students research degree subjects and universities, checking entry requirements. Students write the first draft of their personal statement. Students check predicted grades with teachers.	August 2024	A-level results day – place confirmed!
July-Aug 2023	Students attend open days, taster events or summer schools. Students complete work experience.		



Important Deadlines

September 11 2023: internal deadline for applications to Oxford & Cambridge, medicine, dentistry and veterinary science courses.

October 16 2023: internal deadline for competitive courses (those requiring A/B grades, and health, teaching, social work).

November 20 2023: internal deadline for all UCAS applications to be submitted.

January 31 2024: final UCAS deadline.



The Personal Statement



The only section you have full control over



Your only chance to market themselves individually



The same for all of your choices



A maximum of 4,000 characters, or 47 lines



A minimum of 1,000 characters



There isn't a spelling or grammar check



No formatting is allowed

June 26 2023: full draft personal statement to be with Achievement Tutor.



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Experience of the Workplace

Essential for degrees in:

- Healthcare
- Social work
- Teaching
- Competitive courses



Must be completed before applying to UCAS.

Make the most of *Virtual work experience opportunities*

Work experience is open to all students but compulsory for those students on a L6 Diploma course. T Level students also attend an extended industry placement.



Assessment Results and Aspirations

- University offers are based on students' GCSE results and predicted grades. So please encourage students to take CAP assessments seriously.
- College attendance & punctuality are key.
- Students can start researching course options now. Please encourage them to attend university open days.



Predicted Grades

- These are set by subject teachers and are aspirational: they reflect the highest grade a teacher believes the student could achieve for their subject.
- It is important that students check that their predicted grades are in line with the entry requirements for their chosen courses.





Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)	A-level / LIBF / WJEC Diploma	Tariff points	T Level	BTEC / CTEC Diploma	BTEC / CTEC Extended Certificate etc.
		168	D*		
		144	D		
		120	M		
		112		D*D*	
		104		D*D	
		96	P (C+)	DD	
		80		DM	
		72	P (D or E)		
		64		MM	
	A*	56			D*
	A	48		MP	D
	B	40			
	C	32		PP	M
A*		28			
A	D	24			
B		20			
C	E	16			P
D		12			
E		8			

UCAS Tariff Points



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University Access Schemes

- For students who meet certain criteria. e.g. first generation to progress to HE, postcode, household income.
- Students participate in a programme of activities (can include workshops, visits on campus, e-mentoring and summer school).
- May result in a reduced grade offer.
- Students to review schemes on Moodle Careers.



Support for Students with Disabilities

Make sure the disability is declared on the UCAS form.

Universities can provide:

- Academic support
- Special arrangements in exams
- Accommodation

Students can also apply for Disabled Students' Allowance.



What should your child be doing now?

- Research
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Go beyond the syllabus
- Focus on this year's studies



How can you support your child?

Research

- Use the parents/guardian section on the UCAS website

Sign up

- Sign up for updates from UCAS and get everything you need to know about the application process direct to your inbox.

Open Days

- Attend virtual events and open days – you may have a different perspective.





Alternatives to University



Alternatives to University

Gap year: a year out to work, volunteer or travel before attending university.

- Your child should plan their gap year during upper sixth.
- They may want to take part in activities that enhance their university application.
- Travel and volunteering could help your child to become more confident and enable them to experience other cultures.
- Students can either apply in Sept 2023 for deferred entry to Sept 2025, or apply in Sept 2024 for Sept 2025 entry.



Alternatives to University

Foundation year or foundation degree

- A foundation year helps your child to develop the skills needed for higher education study. For example, if they haven't studied the subjects required for a particular career.
- A foundation degree is equivalent to the first two years of an undergraduate degree, and can be 'topped up' with another year of study.



Alternatives to University

Higher or degree apprenticeship / school leaver programme

- In work full-time, paid a wage, and studying for a qualification equivalent to year one, year two or year three of a degree.
- The employer usually pays for your child's qualification.

Employment

- We can support your child to look for full-time work after college.

For both options, gaining work experience while still at Notre Dame is essential.



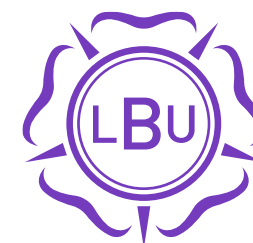
Alternatives to University

How we support non-UCAS students

We identify all lower sixth who don't make an application to university through UCAS, or who want to consider alternative options, and offer them the following support:

- A careers appointment with one of the team.
- Regular bulletins regarding employment and apprenticeship opportunities etc.
- Workshops covering how to plan a gap year, write a CV, and search for job or apprenticeship vacancies.
- Ongoing follow up phone calls, emails etc. from the Careers Team to check each student's progress.





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STUDENT FINANCE 2023 ENTRY

James Kennedy
Schools and Colleges Outreach Officer

TUITION FEES

£9,250 per year

100% covered by a government
loan – paid straight from the
Government to your university

[If you are a UK student and are going to university
for the first time]





LIVING COSTS

THE 'MAINTENANCE' LOAN

- Based on household income and where you live
- **Household income:**
 - Your parents, if you're under 25 and live with them or depend on them financially
 - One of your parents and their partner, if you're under 25 and live with them or depend on them financially
 - Tested on 'previous' tax year (parents of September 2023 entrants will be tested on 2021/22 earnings)
 - If your income drops by 15% or more from the previous tax year, you can ask for income details for the current tax year to be assessed instead
- Paid directly into your bank account in three instalments at the start of each term



HOME OR AWAY?

How different would these living costs be if you were to move away from home and get a job?

LIVING COSTS

THE 'MAINTENANCE' LOAN (2023 Entry)

Household income	Students living with parents	Students moving away (not London)
£25,000 and under	£8,399	£9,978
£30,000	£7,693	£9,264
£35,000	£6,985	£8,550
£40,000	£6,277	£7,835
£42,875	£5,870	£7,425
£45,000	£5,570	£7,121
£50,000	£4,862	£6,407
£55,000	£4,154	£5,692
£62,215 and over	£3,698	£4,650

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[Get undergraduate student finance: step by step](#)

Student finance calculator

This calculator is for students from England or the European Union (EU) starting a new undergraduate course in academic years:

- 2021 to 2022
- 2022 to 2023

Use the student finance calculator to estimate:

- student loans
- extra student funding, for example if you're disabled or have children

Your result will be more accurate if you know your annual household income (your parents' or partner's income plus your own).

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Show all steps

1 Check if you're eligible

Show

2 Find out how much loan you could get

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STUDENT
FINANCE
CALCULATOR

The background of the slide shows two young men in a classroom or lab setting. One student, wearing glasses and a dark shirt, is leaning over a desk, looking at papers. The other student, wearing a blue and white plaid shirt, is sitting at the desk, looking down at the papers. On the desk, there is a microscope and some papers. In the background, there are posters on the wall, including one that says "Looking to the future".

HOW TO APPLY

- Create an account at www.gov.uk/studentfinance
- If you're registered on UCAS, they will inform you when to apply (usually February)
- Fill in and submit your application
- Student Finance England may contact your parents to request evidence on income and marital status

LIVING COSTS

Average According to 'Save The Student'
(Oct 2022)

Spending	Weekly	Monthly
Accommodation	£96 - £170	£416 - £737
Groceries	£27	£117
Travel	£0 - £54	£0 - £54
Household Bills	£15	£64
Going Out and Takeaways	£27	£117
Toiletries, clothes, Health Items	£15	£65
Mobile Phone	£4	£18
Holiday, Events, Other	£6	£25
Gifts, family, friends or Charity	£7	£30
TOTAL	£197 - £325	£852 - £1,228



STUDENT JOBS

- Leeds Beckett student ambassadors: over £12 per hour
- Many universities have their own job agencies
- Consider having a job related to your degree or your career aspirations
- Don't let it take precedence over your studies



BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Offered by the Government and by individual universities
- It's unlikely universities will come looking for you: do your own research

The Government offers:

- Childcare Grant
- Parents' Learning Allowance
- Adult Dependants' Grant
- Disabled Students' Allowance
- NHS Training Grant
- Long Course Loan

Leeds Beckett offers:

- Sport scholarships
- Hardship funds
- Primary Carers Bursary
- Care Leavers' and Estranged Students' bursary
- Sponsorships



STUDENT DEBT AND INTEREST

When you finish your studies, the Tuition Fee Loan and Maintenance Loan will be rolled into one.

Interest rates will be RPI During studies and until full repayment (or 40 years).

LOAN REPAYMENTS

You will not pay anything until you are earning over
£25,000 (figures for 2023)

Pay back at a rate of 9p for every £1 over the threshold

YOUR INCOME



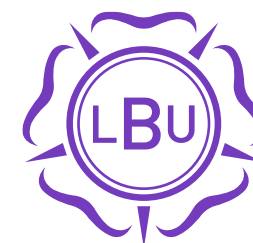
LOAN REPAYMENTS

Annual income before tax	Monthly repayment
£25,000	£0
£30,000	£37.50
£35,000	£75
£40,000	£112.50
£45,000	£150
£50,000	£187.50
£100,000	£562.50



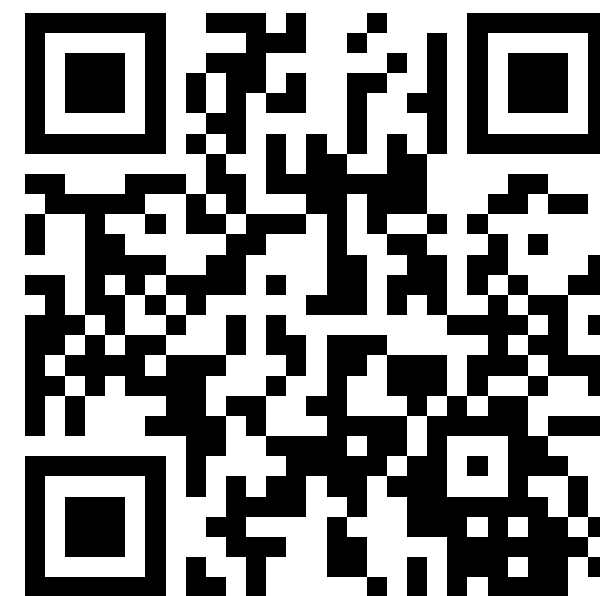
LOAN REPAYMENTS

After 40 years,
any outstanding
loan balance
is wiped



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ONLINE OPEN DAY



leedsbeckett.ac.uk/opendays

Leeds Apprenticeship Hub

Andy Grayson & Becky Townesend
Employment & Skills Officers

What is an Apprenticeship?



A real job with a real salary and real training (Available to anybody aged 16+ with no upper age limit)



Involves “on-the-job” training and “off-the-job” learning



Leads to a nationally recognised qualification, which is linked to the job



Co-ordinated by a training provider (this may be a college or university)



Approved study programme, involving block release, day release, or studying on-the-job

MythBusters

- **Myth 1: Apprenticeships are for people who don't do well at school**

- Apprenticeships are simply an alternative route into skilled employment. Earn while you learn. Gain on the job experience and work on real life projects. Fast-track to a successful career.

- **Myth 2. Apprentices are poorly paid**

- (Ages 18-20) £5.28 rising in 2nd year to NMW £7.49 per hour (April 2023). Many employers pay more than this. It is also important to take into account that the company are paying for the qualification as well as paying a salary.

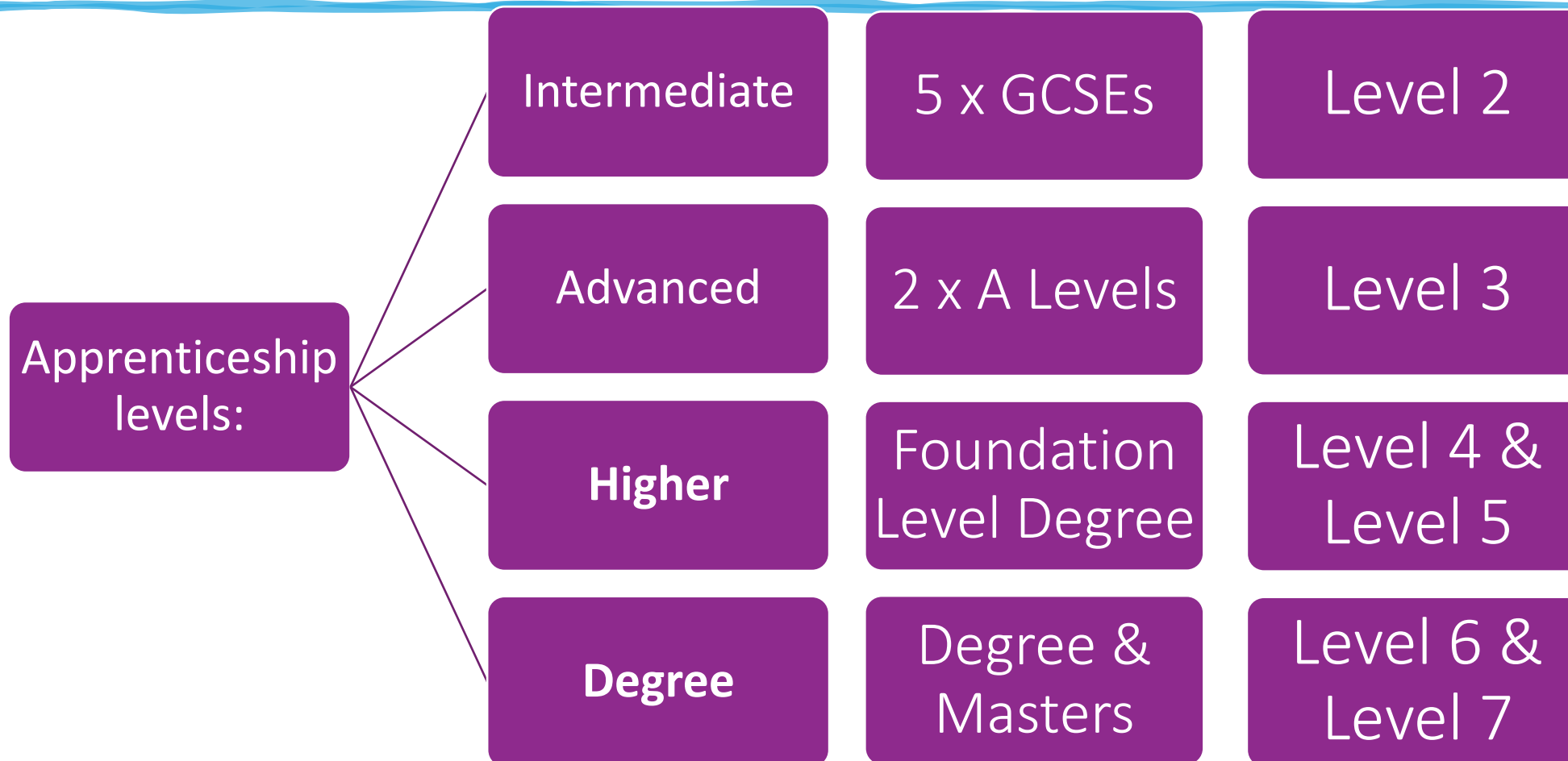
- **Myth 3: Apprenticeships are only for manual or trade jobs**

- Some of the most popular sectors for apprentices include construction, sports, health and social care, IT services and engineering, business, fashion, law administration, finance and more.

- **Myth 4: Apprentices are given all the boring tasks**

- Apprentices are given the opportunity to work on exciting projects and contribute to real change within an organisation, and provide real value to businesses.

Apprenticeship Levels



Salary

Minimum wages (from April 2023)

37 hours per week	Per hour	Annual salary
Minimum apprentice wage	£5.28	£10,159
Minimum wage under 18	£5.28	£10,159
Minimum wage for 18-20	£7.49	£14,410
Minimum wage for 21-22	£10.18	£19,586
Minimum wage for 23 +	£10.42	£20,048
Living wage in Leeds	£10.90	£20,971

When the apprentice is in the second year of their apprenticeship, they must be paid at least National Minimum Wage for their age

A group of diverse young adults are standing in a line in what appears to be a workshop or factory setting. In the foreground, a woman with curly hair, wearing a light-colored blazer over a white shirt, is smiling and holding a tablet. Behind her, several other young people are visible, some wearing safety vests and hard hats, suggesting a hands-on learning environment. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the group.

Apprenticeship Categories

- Agriculture, environmental & animal care
- Business and administration
- Construction & the built environment
- Digital
- Engineering & manufacturing
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & science
- Legal finance & accounting
- Protective Services
- Sales marketing & procurement
- Transport and logistics

Benefits of apprenticeships

- Apprentices are employed and paid a wage – you can earn whilst you learn
- Job ready – Develop soft skills and real-life experience of the job
- No Student Debt!
Degree Apprentices will gain a full degree without needing to pay student fees!
- Designed by employers to allow apprentices to acquire the skills they need to do the job. Apprentices can apply their learning to real life projects
- Clear progression pathway through the company - potential to move from level 3 up
- Exposure to other training available within the company

Choosing between Uni and Apprenticeships?

- Apply for both! Try not to think about it as university or an apprenticeship. An apprenticeship can lead to degree-level qualifications
- Apprenticeship schemes have different application processes and deadlines - deadlines are set by individual employers, and you'll apply for them directly
- You're not restricted to one apprenticeship application
- Higher/degree apprenticeships more competitive - limited number of vacancies
- A degree apprenticeship is not the easy option- you'll be starting a job while getting to grips with studying for a degree, and potentially relocating
- Consider applying for degree apprenticeships all-round the country
- If you can't find a degree apprenticeship, consider applying for Level 3/4 apprenticeship and then working your way up

Apprenticeships – Recently developed and In development

- Sports Coach (Level 4)
- Engineer Surveyor (Level 4)
- Embalmer (Level 5)
- Journalist (Level 5)
- Space Systems Engineer (Level 6)
- Robotics Engineer (Level 6)
- Youth Worker (Level 6)
- Midwife (Level 6)
- Professional Forester (Level 6)
- Medical Statistician (Level 7)
- Optometrist (Level 7)
- Doctor Degree (Level 7)

Currently 825 apprenticeship standards

Example opportunities:

(April 2023 Gov.uk – 170 Vacancies In Leeds)

- Paralegal Apprentice (L3) – Square One Law Ltd - £20,319
- Software Tester Apprentice (L4) – Zolv UK Ltd - £18,000
- Building Services Design Engineer Apprentice (L6 Degree with Honours) - Waterman Building Services Ltd - £19,000
- Audi Bodyshop Paint technician Apprentice (L3) - Sytner Group Ltd - £15,288
- Apprentice Chef (L2) – David Lloyd Leisure - £18,720

Where to find out more

- <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Education. The header features the organization's logo (a blue star-like icon) and name on the left, a search bar with a magnifying glass icon in the center, and links for 'COVID-19', 'Contact us', and social media icons (YouTube, LinkedIn, Twitter) on the right. Below the header is a navigation menu with six items: 'About', 'Ensuring quality', 'Occupational standards', 'Qualifications', 'Apprenticeships', and 'Apprenticeship search'. The main content area has a blue background on the left with the text 'It's not too late...' followed by '...to give your views and help shape the skills system.' and a green button labeled 'Find out more:'. On the right, there is a red background featuring a smiling woman with glasses and the hashtag '#TheBigConversation' in a stylized font.

Where to Find Vacancies

- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- Direct via company websites
(larger companies e.g. British Gas, Yorkshire Water, IBM, NHS, Leeds City Council, many banks, financial services firms etc, may only advertise on their own websites)
- <https://www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships>
- <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk>

Our upcoming events in 2023 at Leeds first direct arena:

Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair

6/2/2023

SEND Next Choices-

Getting ready for adult life

29/6/2023

Leeds Digital Careers Event

26/9/2023

Leeds Creative Skills Event

20/11/2023

Free tickets will be available to book on the arena website

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between 7:35pm - 8pm**

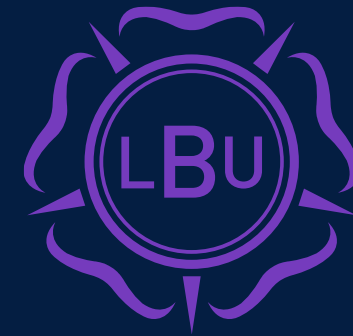
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Hannah Smith – Enhancing Excellence Coordinator



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Live Q&A



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Please ask any questions in the chat box.



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