

# PARENTS' GUIDE TO APPRENTICESHIPS



## WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Apprenticeships are a great way for your son or daughter to gain a nationally recognised qualification while earning a wage. While gaining real work experience, they'll also develop skills to kick-start their career in a huge range of industries from finance, engineering, construction, beauty and so many more.

As an apprentice, your child will have the same rights as any other member of staff. They will be paid at least £4.15 per hour and be entitled to 20 days annual leave per year.

## BENEFITS OF AN APPRENTICESHIP

- Earning a wage while developing new skills and gaining work experience
- Developing links with reputable employers. 90% of apprentices stay in employment after completing their apprenticeship
- No student debt
- Having a dedicated mentor for support and guidance
- Excellent prospects - 1 in 5 companies have a former apprentice at board level

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Apprenticeships are available to those over the age of 16, living in England. There are different entry requirements depending on the sector of the role and level of the apprenticeship.

## HOW TO APPLY

Your child can apply for an apprenticeship with Stockton Riverside College by visiting the Stockton Riverside College website or sending a CV and cover letter to [apprenticeships@stockton.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@stockton.ac.uk)

## APPRENTICESHIP LEVELS

There are various levels of apprenticeship your child could apply for depending on their current qualifications and experience.

APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL	EQUIVALENT TO
Intermediate (level 2)	5 GCSEs (A* - C, 9 - 4)
Advanced (level 3)	2 A Levels
Higher (level 4, 5, 6)	Foundation degree and degree

## WHAT OUR APPRENTICES SAY...

"I enjoyed mixing theory with practical experience. I get the opportunity to put into practice what I have learnt at college and come out with a respectable qualification." - Kashif, Accounting Level 4

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