

# GET YOUR FACTS STRAIGHT

HUH?

WAIT, WHAT?

There's been a lot of hearsay about apprenticeships over the years. We don't do rumours, so here's the real tea...

## MYTH

Apprenticeships only exist in trade industries.

## FACT

Apprenticeships are now available in over 600 occupations, including Nursing, Digital Marketing and even Beekeeping.

## WHY?

Because tons of exciting companies, like BMW, TUI and PwC, now hire apprentices fresh out of school or college. Check out this year's Best 100 Apprenticeship Employers.

## MYTH

Apprenticeships are for those who don't do well at school.

## FACT

Apprenticeships are open to anyone who is 16 or over, and not in full-time education.

## WHY?

There are seven different levels of apprenticeship, and which one you do will depend on the qualifications you leave school/college with. Some require certain A Levels or GCSEs, whilst work experience will do for others.

## MYTH

Apprentices don't earn very much.

## FACT

An apprenticeship is a one-way ticket to financial independence. So you can finally use your skills to pay those bills, bills, bills.

## WHY?

The average salary for an apprenticeship is **£20,936 a year**. Imagine all the things you could spend that hard-earned cash on.

## MYTH

Most apprentices are men.

## FACT

It's a 50/50 split between the number of men and women starting apprenticeships each year.

## WHY?

Women made up 49.9% of apprentices in 2022/23. The gender gap is even closing in traditionally male-dominated sectors like engineering and construction.

## MYTH

An apprenticeship won't lead to a full-time job.

## FACT

Apprentices spend 3-6 years gaining the relevant experience and qualifications for their line of work. So they tend to get hired quickly.

## WHY?

90% of apprentices stay in employment after finishing their apprenticeship, with many working their way up to the boardroom. An impressive 30% of Rolls-Royce's senior UK managers first joined as apprentices!

## MYTH

An apprenticeship isn't a proper job.

## FACT

Apprentices get paid to work on projects that contribute to the business.

## WHY?

Apprentices are given real responsibility from day one, working alongside experienced professionals to develop the skills they need to thrive in the industry. Sounds like a proper job to us.

NO WAY!



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