

Apprenticeship Information - December 2024

Although the majority of Durrington students go on to full-time college after Year 11 we are fully supportive and encouraging to those who would like to explore what a school leaver apprenticeship might offer them.

Fact 1 - Apprenticeships can be applied to at any age and consist of 80% paid work and 20% off the job learning.

Fact 2 - You do not apply to a college to secure an apprenticeship. An employer needs to be found who is willing to offer an apprenticeship contract.

Fact 3 - At the end of an apprenticeship the contract with the the employer will end. However employers can offer successful apprentices full-time employment.

Fact 4 - It is very important that your young person has applied to a full-time college pathway now even if they think they want an apprenticeship. Apprenticeships are challenging to secure so its important to have a backup plan if it does not work out. A vocational college pathway for 1 year will give a great platform to move onto an apprenticeship in year 2.

Whilst it is important for young people to follow this process themselves, parental support is often very valuable, especially when searching for opportunities. Below are some resources for you to use when supporting your young person. We recommend [these videos](#) from GCC to start exploring the idea of apprenticeships.

Key local employers

Here are some major local employers who we hope will have opportunities available in the coming months. You can explore with your child now and get in touch with them or bookmark to revisit later.

GSK - Engineering - Applications open now - [Link](#)

Shoreham Port - Various opportunities - Applications opening Easter - [Link](#)

Rampion Windfarm - Technicians - Applications opening February - [Link](#)

Ricardo - Engineering & Business - [Link](#)

Leonardo Hotels - Hospitality (The Grand Brighton) - [Link](#)

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars - Chichester based - One to keep an eye on - [Link](#)

Ongoing local opportunities - Important information

The 'find an apprenticeship' government website has the most accurate up to date list of whats available in the area. Use the link below to explore what's currently advertised within a 15 mile radius of the school. Bear in mind that most jobs on there now have start dates that will be too early for your child as they are still at school. However you are able to explore with them the sorts of companies and roles that are available as many more will be available to apply to from March onwards. You are also able to research those companies some more or even get in touch with them to enquire if they may have opportunities available for a post summer start. I recommend your young person sets up an account on there and sets up some alerts. You could always do the same.

Current advertised positions within 15 miles of Worthing - [Link](#)

Training Providers & Connectors

Colleges and training providers all run the classroom parts of an apprenticeship. The providers below specialise in certain areas and can be useful to explore. Those interested in those industries can register with them and they can be helpful in connecting prospective young people with employers.

SIGTA - Industry, business and technical industries - [Link](#)

Steve Willis Training - Gas, electrical & plumbing - [Link](#)

Tungsten Training - Gas, electrical & plumbing - [Link](#)

Rewards Apprenticeships - Various Industries - [Link](#)

HIT Training - Hospitality industry - [Link](#)

Further useful links

Success at Schools - February event registration - [Link](#)

EDF Apprenticeships - Opening 27th December - [Link](#)

BBC Opportunities - Mostly London Based - [Link](#)