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## The Alternative Option



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# What are they?

- Higher Apprenticeships
- Degree Apprenticeships
- GAP Year
- Employment

# Higher Apprenticeships

- Higher apprenticeships at levels 4,5,6 & 7 are equivalent to a foundation degree and above.
- Higher Apprenticeships offer a work-based learning programme and lead to the following nationally recognised qualifications:
- Level 4 and 5 – equivalent to a higher education certificate, higher education diploma or a foundation degree or
- Level 6 – equivalent to a bachelor degree
- Higher Apprenticeships are currently available in the following sectors:

Agriculture & Land-based industries,	Business & IT
Creative Media and the Arts	Construction
Engineering & Electrical	Energy
Health & Care	Hospitality & Travel
Manufacturing, processing & Logistics	Vehicles & Transport

# Higher Apprenticeships

## **Project Management Apprentice – Highways England**

- £17,000
- Level 4 – Project Management, Civil Engineering, IT, Electrical Engineering, Business
- Minimum GCSE A\* - C with B grade English and Maths
- Capita PLC

## **Software Development Apprentice Masternaut (UK)**

- £16,000
- Level 4 – Software Development
- 2 A Levels
- Estio Training

## **Project Delivery – Civil Service Fast Track Apprenticeship**

- £19,500
- Level 4 – 6 options available
- Policy, Business, Commercial, Finance, Project Delivery and Digital, Data & Tech
- 2 A Levels 48 points upwards (DD)
- National Apprenticeship Service

## **Professional Management – Aggregate Industries UK Limited**

- £16,000
- NVQ Level 4 Health, Safety and Environment with option to continue to BSc Hons Degree Mineral Management
- 2 A Levels 96 – 64 points (A – C)

# Higher Apprenticeships

## Quantity Surveying – Balfour Beatty PLC

- £7800 - £13,500
- HNC Quantity Surveying – option to continue BSc (Hons) QS
- 3 A Levels to include Maths
- College then University

## Actuarial Apprentice – AON Ltd

- £17,000
- Actuarial Technician Level 4
- 104 points from 3 A Levels to include B in a Maths related subject
- BBP – Further qualifications available



# Degree Apprenticeships

- Gain a full bachelor's or master's degree with a Degree Apprenticeship at levels 6 and 7
- Degree Apprenticeships are designed by industry to bring together the very best in higher and vocational education. Apprentices achieve a full Bachelor's or Master's degree as a core component of the apprenticeship. On a Degree Apprenticeship, you will be tested on your academic learning, as well as your wider skills and ability to do a job. You will be assessed either using a fully-integrated degree co-designed by employers and higher education institutions, or using a degree plus a separate end-test of your professional competence.

# Degree Apprenticeships

## **Research & Development Refreshment Apprentice - Unilever**

- £19,835
- BSc (Hons) Food Science & Technology
- Developing new products in Beverage & Ice Cream
- B grades in at least 2 Science subjects
- Nottingham Trent University

## **Capgemini – IT Degree Apprenticeship**

- £16,000
- BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions
- 104 ucas points (3 C's)
- Aston University

## **Solicitor Apprentice – Addleshaw Goddard**

- £15,000
- LLB (Hons) Legal Practice
- L7 – Solicitor
- ABB (128 points)
- BPP University

## **Chartered Surveyor Apprenticeship – Project Management Pathway Arcadis**

- £16,000
- BSc (Hons) Construction Management & RICS Assessment of Professional Competence
- 96 ucas points (CCC)
- University College of Estate Management

# Degree Apprenticeships

## Nestle Operations - Nestle UK Ltd

- £16,000
- BA (Hons) Professional Business Practice
- 104 ucas points (BCC)
- Sheffield Hallam University

## Lloyds Banking Group

- £19,000 - £23,000
- BA Hons Digital & Technology Solutions
- 104 – 112 points (BCC – BBB)
- Manchester Met University



# Apprentices you may know!



**Billy Connolly** – Before Billy became an award-winning stand up comedian he was an apprentice welder on a ship yard where he made boilers in his home town Glasgow!

**Estimated Worth – 15 million**



**Alan Titchmarsh** – Alan had a lot of hard work put into becoming one of the most recognised TV gardeners as he done over 3 years as a gardening apprentice!

**Estimated Worth 10.5 million**



**Jamie Oliver** – Jamie started his working career off with a catering apprenticeship which was a key factor in the making of his career as one of Britain's top TV chefs!

**Estimated Worth – 240 million**



**Ross Brawn** – Brawn began his work in the motor industry with a mechanical craft apprenticeship which later led to him working in F1 with his own team!

**Estimated Worth – 100 million**



**Ozzy Osbourne** – Ozzy who is known for his heavy metal career and his TV show The Osbournes he worked as an apprentice plumber!

**Estimated Worth – 170 million**

# More familiar faces



**Sir Alex Ferguson** – Ferguson was juggling his time being a striker for Queens Park FC with his apprenticeship at Glasgows shipyard where he was a toolmaker!

**Estimated Worth – 40 million**



**Stella McCartney** - This designer, often referred to as ‘Fashion Royalty’ began her career as an apprentice with a tailor on the infamous Saville Row. During her apprenticeship, Stella picked up the skills of the trade in everything from hemming trousers to pattern cutting.

**Estimated Worth – 50 million**



**Elvis** – One of the most famous singer songwriters of all time who sold more than 1 billion records, Elvis trained as an apprentice electrician!

**Estimated Worth – 400 million**



**Sir Michael Caine** – Caine who has starred in many films, such as the Italian Job spent nearly two years as a plumbing apprentice before getting regular film work!

**Estimated Worth – 55 million**



**Laurence Graff** - Founder of Graff Diamonds left school at the age of just fifteen to become an apprentice jeweller, learning the basics of creating and repairing rings in Hatton Garden, London, in the early 1950s

**Estimated Worth – 3 billion**

# What a GAP year can do for you

- **Develop your transferable skills** - whether it's learning to budget when planning your trip or using your initiative to make your way across Australia, you'll have developed lots of skills that employers want
- **Raise your cultural awareness** - living and working alongside local people will allow you to appreciate other cultures and having friends all over the world can only be a good thing.
- **Increase your confidence and independence** - having to speak to new groups of people every day will definitely help you to come out of your shell. While arranging travel, finding accommodation and surviving on your own money are great ways to show that you're independent.
- **Allow you to learn a new craft** - if there's something that you've always wanted to try then your gap year is a great time to give it a go. Whether you fancy surfing, teaching English as a foreign language (TEFL), filmmaking, cookery or even the art of kung fu, this is your chance to broaden your horizons.
- **Increase your work experience** - there aren't many jobs that don't require some work experience, and a gap year is a great time to start building this. Try to keep the majority of it related to your course, for example, if you want to be a teacher look for opportunities to work with children and consider community work if you want to get into social care.
- **Improve your language skills** - try to pick up some useful phrases and then build on them each day. Not only will this endear you to the locals, it might also help you get a job when you return. Many organisations now trade globally and having someone in their organisation who can speak the language is a huge asset.

# Things to do on a GAP Year

## Paid Work

[Work abroad](#)  
[Professional work](#)  
[Hospitality jobs](#)  
[Au Pair jobs](#)  
[School Gap Assistants](#)  
[Paid teaching](#)  
[Office/Administration jobs](#)  
[Ranch/Harvest jobs](#)  
[Skilled Labour jobs](#)  
[Beach jobs](#)  
[Internships](#)

## Volunteering Abroad

[Make a difference](#)  
[Community volunteering](#)  
[Volunteer with wildlife](#)  
[Conservation volunteering](#)  
[Childcare abroad](#)  
[Medical work](#)  
[Volunteer teaching](#)  
[Special needs volunteering](#)  
[Sports coaching abroad](#)  
[Marine Conservation](#)  
[Volunteer with disabled children](#)

## • Group Tours

- [Guided tours](#)
- [Party tours](#)
- [Flexible tours](#)
- [Cultural tours](#)
- [Adventure tours](#)
- [Travel Passes](#)
- [Bus Tours](#)
- [Boat Tours](#)
- [Hop-on Hop-off tours](#)
- [Single Country tours](#)
- [Multi Country tours](#)

## • Learn & Develop

- [Learn new skills](#)
- [Learn a Language](#)
- [TEFL](#)
- [Scuba Diving](#)
- [Surfing](#)
- [Martial Arts](#)
- [Meaningful travel](#)
- [Research work abroad](#)
- [Skiing/snowboarding](#)
- [Sailing](#)
- [Work with horses](#)
- [Educational gap years](#)

# Employment

- Feel ready to move directly into the world of work
- Need a break from Education
- Can't decide what to do and need extra time
- Many employers value Level 3 qualifications



# Ultimately

The traditional route of going to university may fit in better with your career plans

or

The alternative routes may be just the ticket

It's up to YOU to do the research and decide which is the best options for you.

Keep checking your email

