

# CAREERS NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME

This edition is all about National Apprenticeship Week 2026



## SO WHAT IS NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK ALL ABOUT?

National Apprenticeship Week is a week-long celebration that brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy.

## WHAT ARE APPRENTICESHIPS?

Apprenticeships are real jobs combining paid work with structured training, offering hands-on experience, a salary, and qualifications from GCSE level up to Master's degrees, with over 500 sectors available, debunking myths that they're only for young people or trades, and leading to high employment retention and improved career prospects. Key aspects include earning while learning (no student debt), spending 20% of time training, and gaining valuable skills for diverse careers like tech, finance, and healthcare, not just traditional crafts.

## WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF APPRENTICESHIP?

Apprenticeship levels range from level 2 (foundation and intermediate) through to level 7 (master's level) covering a wide range of different job roles across all sectors.

## HOW LONG DO APPRENTICESHIPS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS TAKE?

The apprenticeship standard will set out the expected duration of the apprenticeship, with a new minimum duration of 8 months being introduced from 1st August 2025 for some apprenticeships. The planned duration will be agreed with the employer, apprentice and training provider.

## WHAT ARE THE NEW FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS?

Introduced from August 2025, foundation apprenticeships will support individuals who are: aged between 16 and 21 (or 15 years of age if the apprentice's 16th birthday is between the last Friday of June and 31st August) aged between 22 and 24 years old, who either hold an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP) have been, or are, in the care of their local authority are in prison or a prison leaver. Foundation apprenticeships are designed to have a minimum duration of 8 months, and to support progression onto a further level of apprenticeship.

# CHAPTER 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 2026

Chapter 10 students are going out on work experience during the spring term. This will be 2 days, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026, and all students will be involved. We still have a number of students without placements, so if anyone can support us in offering placements to our students, please email me on jdrew@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

## COMING UP

Chapter 8 careers talk- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February- 2pm  
Chapter 10 careers talk- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February- 3pm



## WHEN ARE APPRENTICESHIPS AVAILABLE?

Apprenticeships are advertised year-round, but the peak recruitment period for roles starting in September is January to April. Many large employers, particularly for higher and degree-level roles, run annual campaigns, with vacancies often appearing from September to March. While some, like those in the public sector or school-leaver programmes, plan heavily in advance, many vacancies appear throughout the year.

## WHERE CAN I LOOK FOR APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES?

The primary site for employers to advertise is the government website, but there are other websites to use and they are listed below. Companies will also use LinkedIn, job websites such as Indeed and their own social media platforms so it is worth using all platforms available to search for opportunities. Click on the names below to access the websites.

[Find An Apprenticeship](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Higher and Degree Apprenticeship listing January 2026](#)

[Be More](#)

[Not going To Uni](#)

[Higherin](#)

Students can also look for apprenticeships at the local FE colleges such as City of Liverpool and Hugh Baird who offer their own apprenticeship programmes.

## PARENTS APPRENTICESHIP ZONE

Support and more information for parents/guardians is available from Amazing Apprenticeships and can be accessed [here](#).

## CURRENT VACANCIES I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SHARE

ICAEW Apprenticeships allow school leavers to earn while they learn, gain paid work experience with leading employers, and work towards the globally recognised ICAEW Chartered Accountant (ACA) qualification. Find out more [here](#).

Hill Dickinson are offering two programmes this year:

- Paralegal Apprenticeship-completing a Certificate of Higher Education in Law and Legal Practice with the opportunity to progress onto the Solicitor Apprenticeship.
- Finance Apprenticeship-completing AAT qualifications with future opportunities for further study and career progression.

Find out more [here](#).

## MYPATH JOB OF THE WEEK

In this section I will be sharing a 'Job Of The Week' from the MYPATH careers website. This week the job is Geneticist. Click [here](#) for the video.