

Got what it takes to be the next apprentice?

You've heard what an apprenticeship is, but how do you know if it's right for you?

"I was Weightmans' first ever apprentice and the impact I have made including the connections within the business has seen the firm invest even further within their apprenticeship scheme. It's an exciting time for apprentices within the legal sector - attitudes are changing and becoming more accepting of apprenticeships as a route into law."

Jordan Coulton, Degree Apprentice, Paralegal, Weightmans LLP

"University had always been the expected route for me and something which my school had pushed. When I just missed my university offers with AABB grades I was devastated and considered entirely rethinking pursuing the technology route. Since joining Capgemini as an apprentice, I've gained so much. I've achieved a university degree but also worked on my professional skills, been able to travel, and really developed in confidence."

James Gee, Higher Apprentice, Software Engineering, Capgemini

"I think the experience gained by working at Nestlé, and the amount I now know about the confectionery industry gives me a huge advantage for future career options. I am so thankful that I have got a degree, but not only that, I also have three years of invaluable hands-on experience."

Katie Lloyd, Degree Apprentice, Confectionery, Nestlé

"Degree apprenticeships mean you can gain both practical skills and academic knowledge whilst earning a salary. You don't have to choose between working or studying for a degree - you can do both at the same time."

Dr Sam Hardy, Head of Degree Apprenticeships, University of Warwick

"At 35, most people are surprised to hear that I am an apprentice. There is a huge misconception that apprenticeships are just for young people. They are for anyone of working age, at any stage in their career. I love the hands-on approach to learning, and the option to earn at the same time was hugely attractive to me. I am now in my third year of my apprenticeship. This summer, I'll be graduating from Northampton University with a degree apprenticeship in engineering, an exciting career ahead of me, and no debt!"

Darren Stawarz, Degree Apprentice, Manufacturing Engineering, Gemini Rail Services