

QUESTIONS FOR APPRENTICES

There are now more than **half a million** people undertaking apprenticeships in England, working in all sorts of industries - from engineering to accounting to media - and for really exciting employers like the **BBC, John Lewis, BMW and the Ministry of Defence**.

There's no better source of information about what it's really like to be an apprentice than an apprentice themselves. If you get the chance to talk to someone currently doing an apprenticeship, here are some ideas for questions you might want to ask them.

WHAT is it like being an apprentice? Do you feel like one of the team and part of the organisation? Can you give me an idea of a typical day?

WHERE did you start when you were applying for your apprenticeship in terms of research or other preparation? How did you get ready for the interview or assessment stage of the process? Can you give me any tips?

HOW do you balance studying whilst working at the same time? Do you find that you are given plenty of time off work to study? How do you manage your time?

WHO helped and encouraged you to think about becoming an apprentice- was it your parents, your school, your friends? Where would you suggest I go to find the most useful information about apprenticeships?

WHY did you choose to become an apprentice. How important was it to you to earn a salary whilst learning?

WHEN you are at work, how supported do you feel by your employer? Do you get lots of training and mentoring? Can you give some examples of the help they give you?