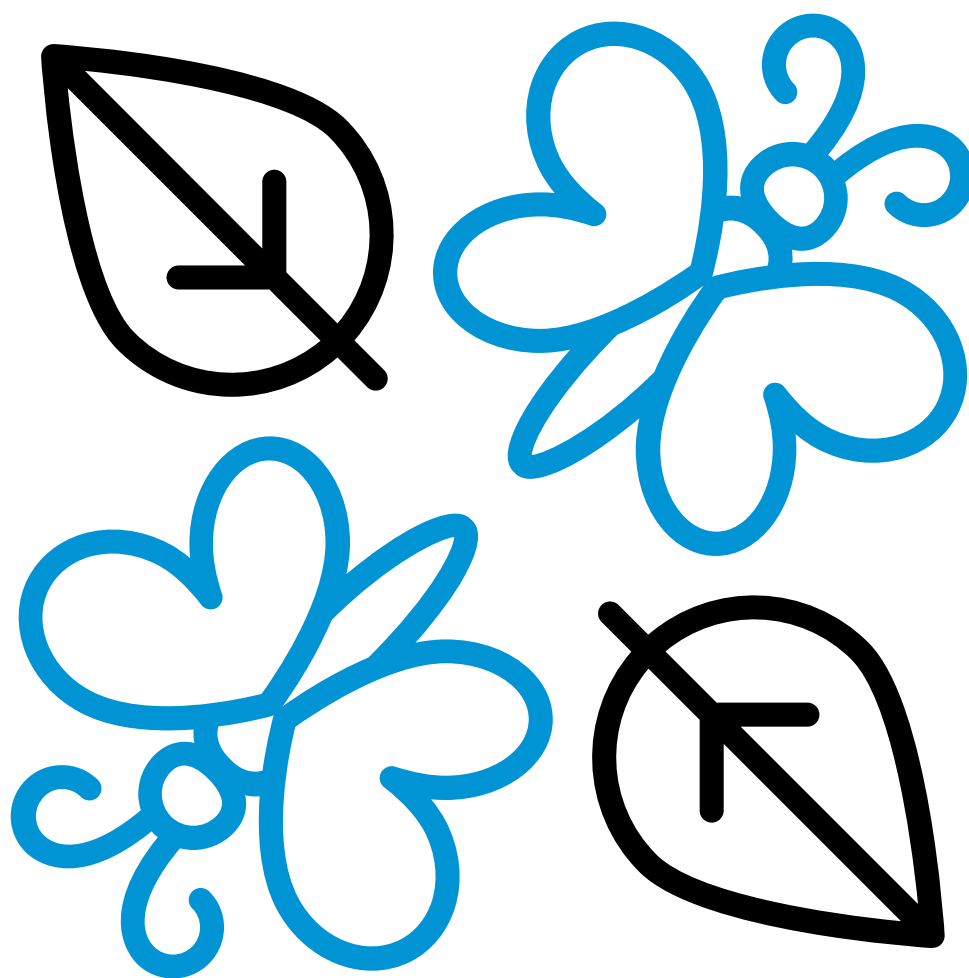


# Parents and Carers' Pack

Helping your child to search and apply for apprenticeships



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# Welcome

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the April edition of the Parents and Carers' Pack, with lots of interesting information for you to digest!

In this month's edition we hear from two young people in the technical education world – Isha, an architect apprentice, and Harrison, who is doing an HTQ course in Cybersecurity.

We know that supporting your child can be difficult if you don't have enough information yourself, so in this edition you will find an article on where to find information to support you to support your child, as well as information for parents on T Levels.

We also take a closer look at apprenticeships that involve driving, for any budding lorry, van, train, bus or tram drivers out there!

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# Apprentice insight: Life as an apprentice at Weston Williamson + Partners

Meet Isha, a Level 6 architectural apprentice at Weston Williamson + Partners



## How did you decide architecture was the career for you?

I delved into architecture during my A-level art studies, discovering a genuine interest through research

and work experience. My fascination with brutalist architecture ignited my interest in the field, inspiring my A-level artwork and prompting a deeper exploration of the architect's role. Understanding how the built environment impacts us captivated me, and I wanted to work on real projects.

## Why did you choose the apprenticeship route?

The realisation that I preferred practical experience over a traditional academic path drew me to explore the apprenticeship route. Merging theoretical knowledge and applying practical hands-on learning opportunities aligns with my learning style, while ensuring the dual approach provides me with a comprehensive skill set, making an apprenticeship the ideal path for me.

## What is a typical day like for you?

When I work in the office, I actively contribute to real-life architectural projects, encompassing tasks from drawing to model making, gaining valuable industry experience that distinguishes me from my peers.

## How is your apprenticeship delivered?

My apprenticeship is delivered through London South Bank University. One day a week is dedicated to my university studies, complementing my four days of hands-on work. I study with full-time architecture students, concentrating on academic facets of architecture, allowing us to share insights and experiences.

## How did you find your apprenticeship?

My proactive approach, coupled with a personal affinity for the industry, led me to secure my current apprenticeship. The limited availability prompted me to actively seek opportunities by carrying out my own independent research, checking websites like the government's Find an Apprenticeship platform, and reaching out directly to organisations.

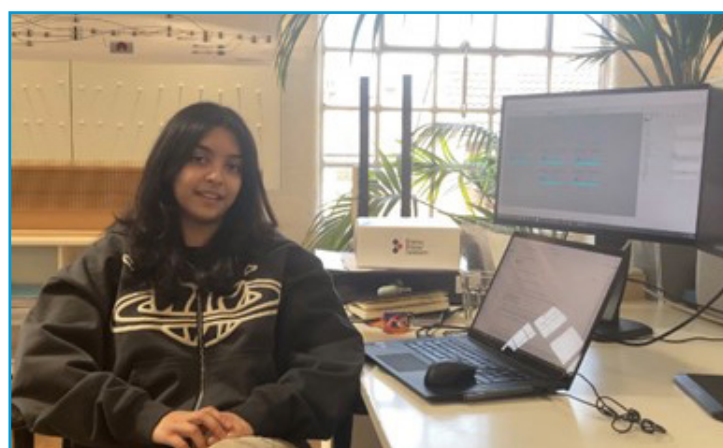
## Who is your inspiration?

My hardworking mother serves as my inspiration, encouraging me to strive for excellence. Ultimately, I aspire to qualify as an architect, learning firsthand from industry practitioners. My goals extend beyond architecture, focusing on my dedication to helping students discover diverse educational paths.

## What advice would you give to a young person or their parents about apprenticeships?

I encourage embracing unconventional paths and exploring diverse educational options, as there's no one-size-fits-all in learning. Fearlessly consider apprenticeships. Understand that education comes in varied forms, and everyone learns uniquely. Apprenticeships offer practical experiences and a distinct learning approach that can pave the way for meaningful and fulfilling career journeys. Embrace the opportunity to learn by doing, breaking away from traditional norms, and discovering a personalised path to success.

"My hardworking mother serves as my inspiration, encouraging me to strive for excellence."



To search for apprenticeship opportunities for you, visit: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



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# Apprenticeships uncovered

Keep up to date with apprenticeship opportunities

Apprenticeships are continually created and released through The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. The list below focuses on the [Health and science](#) route and includes some apprenticeships you may not have considered before. You can find out more on The Institute website: [www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards](http://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards)

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Animal technologist		Carry out complex scientific procedures on animals in a range of organisations such as charities, universities, pharmaceutical companies, breeders, contract research organisations and biotechnology organisations. Work with a range of scientific equipment in complex environments, ensure high standards of scientific research and that the welfare of the animals is considered at all times.	Level 3
Associate ambulance practitioner		Respond to emergency and urgent calls and provide emergency care as part of an ambulance crew. Drive safely and progressively at high speed. Assess, treat and manage service users at the scene, then refer to alternative care provisions or safely discharge on scene.	Level 4
Biomedical scientist		Carry out a range of laboratory and scientific tests in hospitals, laboratories, and research facilities, to support the diagnosis and treatment of disease. Investigate a range of medical conditions, including cancer, diabetes, blood disorders (e.g. anaemia), meningitis and hepatitis. Screen for hereditary and acquired diseases and monitor effects of medication and other treatments.	Level 6
Cleaning hygiene operative		Work independently and as part of a team in a range of workplaces where specialised cleaning techniques and skills are needed to maintain a safe and hygienic environment. Work in places where infection control and sanitisation are important for the wellbeing of service users.	Level 2
Doctor		Apply the principles and procedures of medicine to assess, prevent, diagnose, care, and treat patients with illness, disease, and injury and to maintain physical and mental health.	Level 7
Personal Trainer		Coach and motivate clients towards their health and fitness goals through the design and provision of personalised exercise programmes and instruction, nutritional advice, and lifestyle management.	Level 3
Prosthetic and orthotic technician		Design and manufacture custom-made devices, for example artificial limbs, diabetic footwear or spinal braces. Use the specification/prescription provided to make devices that aid movement, correct deformity and relieve discomfort for adults and children.	Level 3

# Supporting your child to explore apprenticeships

Where to find information and advice for parents and carers



The Government's apprenticeships website is a great place to start when looking for support, with a range of resources, case studies and much more.

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/support-for-parents-and-guardians>



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Amazing Apprenticeships' website has a Parent & Carer Zone, where you can find useful resources to explore, such as The Parent Perspective Podcast.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/parent-zone/>



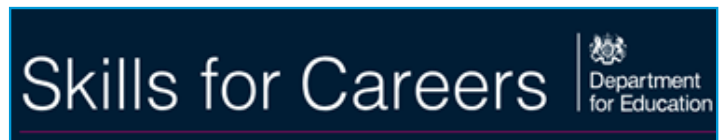
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You can also find a wide variety of other resources here:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/>



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The Department for Education's Skills for Careers website has advice and resources specifically for parents and carers to help you help your child with their career and education decisions:

<https://www.skillsforcareers.education.gov.uk/pages/parent-advice-and-resources>



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Into Apprenticeships is a guide for disabled people, parents and key advisers about applying for apprenticeships in England. It deals with common questions such as how to find an apprenticeship, whether the training will be accessible and what support is available in the workplace.

<https://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/resources/apprenticeships>



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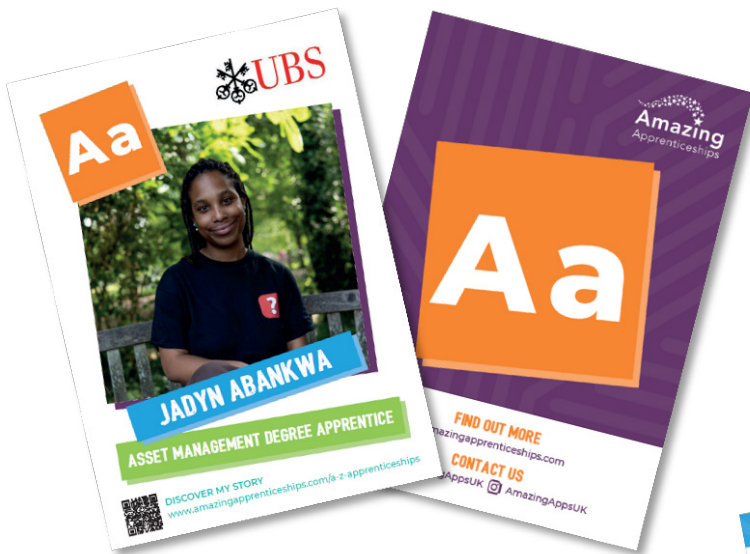
# A-Z of women apprentices

## Celebrating women in apprenticeships

To mark the launch of International Women’s Day 2024, Amazing Apprenticeships trawled the length and breadth of the apprenticeship world to discover 25\* unique, confident and amazing apprentices who are working in a fantastic range of different job roles, such as:


- Paramedic
- Engineer
- Dance Instructor
- Journalist
- Wind Turbine Technician
- Zookeeper and many more...

To find out more about these amazing apprentices and their employers, who may inspire your child, you can download the A-Z flashcards, plus read or watch case studies featuring each apprentice.

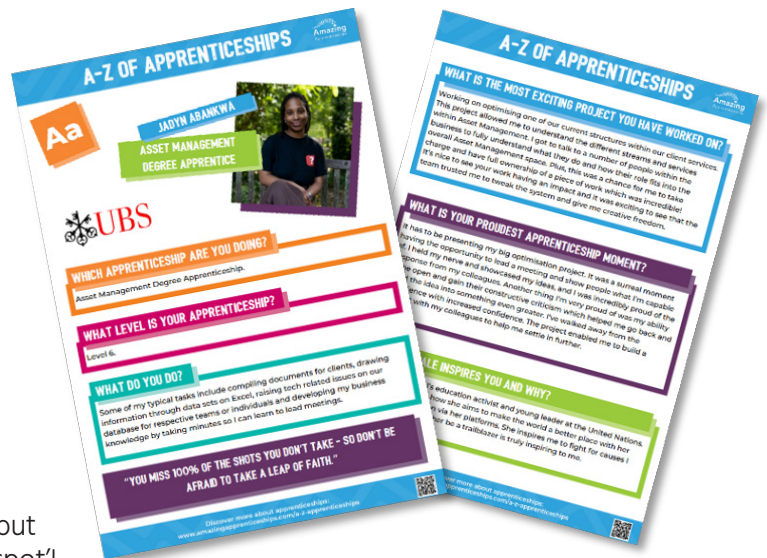


Each featured apprentice has an accompanying case study, sharing their individual story and apprenticeship journey.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/a-z-apprenticeships/>



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\*But aren't there 26 letters in the alphabet? Yes, there are – but the letter X has been filled by 'X marks your Apprenticeship spot'!

# Apprenticeships in driving

Does your child want a career behind the wheel?

## Large goods vehicle (LGV) driver C + E – level 2

Lorry drivers make sure everything we use at home, at work, in the health service, manufacturing, education, defence and more, reaches the people who need it. There are lots of vans and smaller, more eco-friendly vehicles in cities, but Large Goods Vehicles (LGV) (or Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV)) are an important part of logistics. Logistics is the movement of goods from A to B and truck drivers are a vital part of this. Demand for quality drivers is greater than ever before.

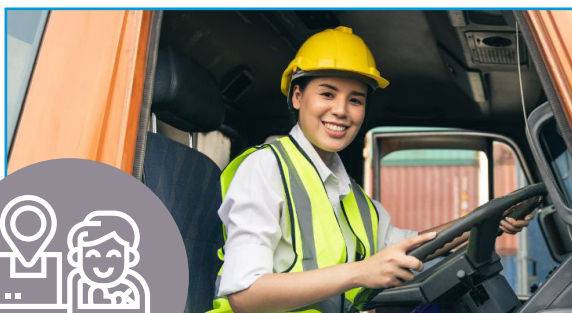


Apprenticeship information:

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/large-goods-vehicle-lgv-driver-c-plus-e-v1-4>



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## Urban driver – level 2

The Urban driver apprenticeship is typically linked to job roles like Customer Delivery Driver or Delivery Driver. It involves city driving in a variety of complex driving situations, for example dealing with lots of cars, cyclists, pedestrians, buses and one-way streets. The Urban Driver Apprenticeship Standard develops the skills required to transport goods by road to an agreed destination, quality and time standard, and contribute to their organisation's contracts or services. Staff learn how to ensure a vehicle is correctly loaded, adapt their driving style, plan delivery routes, complete reports, resolve complaints, and comply with laws, regulations and procedures.



Apprenticeship information:

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/urban-driver-v1-0>



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# Apprenticeships in driving

Does your child want a career behind the wheel?

## Train driver – level 3

Train drivers are responsible for driving trains in a safe, punctual, economic manner over various routes in accordance with rail rules, regulations and procedures. A Train driver could work in a number of rail environments, such as high speed, passenger, freight, underground, metro, suburban, cross border, depots, sidings or maintenance sheds; moving passengers, goods, empty coaching stock or driving on-track machines to perform infrastructure maintenance work.



Apprenticeship information:

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/train-driver-v1-0>

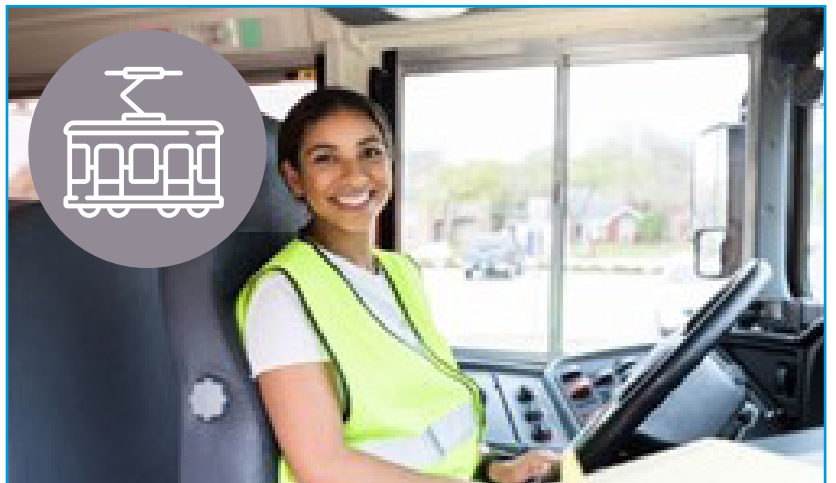


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## Passenger transport driver – bus and coach or tram – level 2

There are both large and small organisations providing essential transport for the millions of people who travel on buses, coaches, and trams every day. There is a wide variety of services within this sector. For example, inner city buses, country wide coach travel, private hire for holiday travel, daily school transport and tram travel on differing networks.



Apprenticeship information:

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/passenger-transport-driver-bus-and-coach-or-tram-v1-2>



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# The Health Adjustment Passport

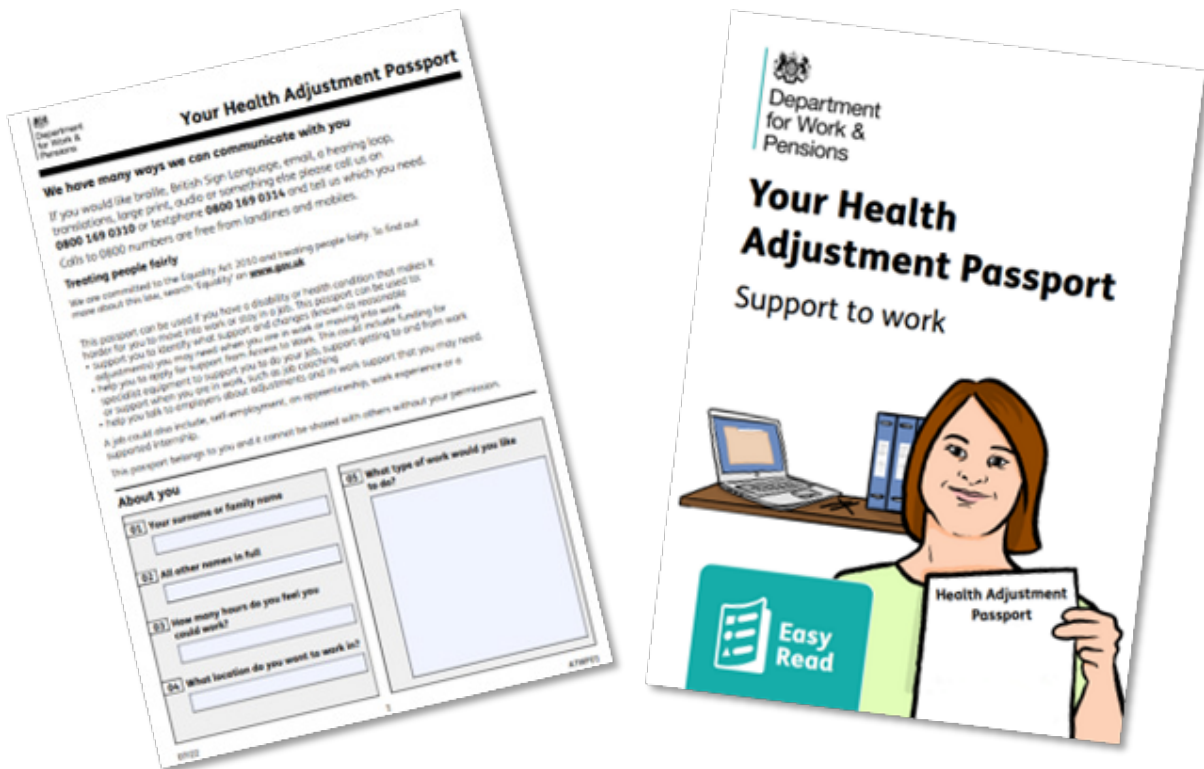
Support to identify what help and changes are available

The **Health Adjustment Passport** is a form that can be used if your child has a disability or health condition that makes it harder for them to move into or stay in an apprenticeship (or any work, including a job, self-employment, work experience or a supported internship).

Your child can use it to:

- support them to identify what support and changes (known as **reasonable adjustments**) they may need when they are in work or moving into work.
- apply for support from **Access to Work**. This could include funding for specialist equipment to support them to do their job, support getting to and from work or support when they are in work, such as job coaching.
- help them talk to employers about adjustments and in-work support that they may need.

There are two versions of the Health Adjustment Passport, one of which is an Easy Read document where the text is presented in an accessible and easy to understand format.



Find both versions of the Health Adjustment Passport here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-adjustment-passport>



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Find out more about reasonable adjustments here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/reasonable-adjustments-for-disabled-workers>



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Find out more about Access to Work here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/access-to-work>



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# T Levels

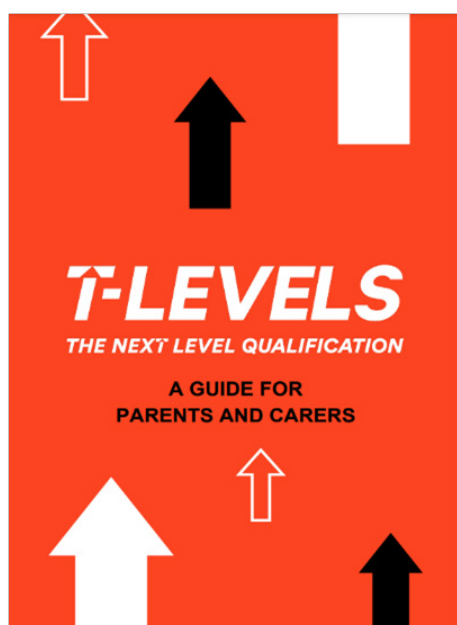
A new guide for parents and carers



If your child is looking at their post-16 options and is interested in a technical qualification, a T Level could be a fantastic choice for them.

T Levels are post-16 technical qualifications taken after GCSEs as an alternative to A-levels, apprenticeships and other post-16 options. T Levels are designed and backed by employers to give students the knowledge and skills businesses need and give them a head start in their careers. T Level courses are high quality – with longer teaching hours than most current technical qualifications. One T Level is roughly equivalent in size to 3 A-levels.

There is lots of information out there to support you to support your child, including this guide for parents and carers, produced by Amazing Apprenticeships on behalf of the Department for Education T Levels team.



T Levels Parents and Carers' Guide:  
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/t-levels-parents-and-carers-guide/>



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Other resources available include guides, webinars, case studies, films and quizzes. You can find lots of these resources here:  
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/?t-levels=1>



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## Other places to look for support are:

**T Level website - Official information on T Levels, plus how to find your nearest T Level provider** Visit: [www.tlevels.gov.uk](http://www.tlevels.gov.uk)



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## T Level Parents and Carers' websites

Visit: <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/parents>



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## T Level Success Stories – a resource for parents to help explain T Levels

Visit: <https://tlevelinfo.org.uk/success-stories/>



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On Thursday 16th May at 3:30pm, you could join a webinar called 'Why T Levels are a fantastic choice' to hear directly from T Level students about their T Level journeys and why they are an excellent option.

Sign up here: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_tdMy9M2hRoe-Gt5eJ6XbEw#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tdMy9M2hRoe-Gt5eJ6XbEw#/registration)



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# Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

Meet Harrison, who is currently studying a Digital HTQ



## Tell us about your HTQ course and what it involves.

The HTQ I'm currently doing is a Higher National Certificate in Computing, which leads to me going on to do a Higher National Diploma in September. In the second year you specialise more and my specialism will most likely be cyber security.

## Why did you choose to do your course?

I chose this course because I want a career in cyber security, and felt that an HTQ offered me the flexibility and right balance of application and theory.

## What skills have you gained?

I have developed skills such as networking, creating & managing databases, and programming.

## Why are HTQs a good choice?

HTQs are a great alternative to apprenticeships; if you want to work in a skill-focussed industry/role, HTQs are the perfect route to go down if you don't want to do an apprenticeship or haven't found the right one yet.

## What do you hope to do next?

I hope to continue advancing in the industry, potentially working my way to a higher degree in the future.

## How do you think your HTQ has prepared you for your next steps and future career?

My HTQ has provide me with a strong understanding of the industry and my options after the course, this has helped to reaffirm that my choices are the best for me.



**“I have developed skills such as networking, creating & managing databases, and programming.”**

Find out more about HTQs by visiting the new Amazing Apprenticeships' HTQs page, where you will find guides, webinars and more:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/htqs/>

You can also visit the Skills for Careers HTQs page:

<https://www.skillsforcareers.education.gov.uk/pages/training-choice/htq-higher-technical-qualification>



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# Dates for your diary

Free webinars throughout the year for careers staff, teachers and parents/carers

As part of the Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge for Schools and Colleges programme (ASK), Amazing Apprenticeships are offering careers staff, teachers and parents/carers a schedule of free webinars throughout the year, to find out more about apprenticeships and how to support your child.

This series of informative webinars will provide an abundance of tips, advice and information from expert speakers across the apprenticeships and technical education world. Each webinar lasts for 30 minutes and will take place on Zoom. Participants are required to sign up before the session and will receive an email confirmation and a reminder an hour before it begins. The webinars will be recorded and shared with all registrants after the session.


Book your free place and catch up on recordings of all previous webinars here: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/workshops-webinars/>



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## 2024

<b>Everything you need to know – Spring term round-up</b>	Thursday 25th April 2024 3:30pm	This termly update is the second in a series of key information webinars for teachers and careers leaders. Expert speakers from Amazing Apprenticeships and the DfE will highlight what's new in technical education and apprenticeships and will cover any recent changes in policy and funding.
<b>Why T Levels are a fantastic choice</b> 	Thursday 16th May 2024 3:30pm	Join this webinar to hear directly from T Level students about their T Level journeys and why they are an excellent option.
<b>Apprentice stories</b>	Thursday 23rd May 2024 3:30pm	Hear from real life apprentices who will share their experiences of being an apprentice, how they found their vacancy, what a typical day looks like and the benefits of doing an apprenticeship.
<b>How to promote and support apprenticeships and technical education in your school or college</b>	Thursday 20th June 2024 3:30pm	Top tips and ideas for promoting apprenticeships and technical education, and supporting students, parents, carers and staff to understand the options.
<b>Everything you need to know – Summer term round-up</b>	Thursday 11th July 2024 3:30pm	This termly update is the third in a series of key information webinars for teachers and careers leaders. Expert speakers from Amazing Apprenticeships and the DfE will highlight what's new in technical education and apprenticeships and will cover any recent changes in policy and funding.