

# British Army Apprenticeships - Information webinar for parents & carers – Q&A Responses

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## Entry requirements

Question		Answer
1	At what age could my daughter start an apprenticeship?	You can join the Army at the age of 16, your apprenticeship will start in your Initial Trade Training.
2	Can my son sign up for an apprenticeship at school leaving age 16?	Yes, you can join the Army at the age of 16, your apprenticeship will start in your Initial Trade Training.
3	Can parents also join the army?	Parents are more than welcome to join the Army, please <a href="#">click here</a> to find out the options available.
4	Can you join with little to no GCSEs?	Yes, you can join the Army with no qualifications for certain job roles.
5	Can an international student who is taking MSc also qualify to join the army here in UK?	Please click <a href="#">here</a> for more information on eligibility.
6	How long does my child need to reside in the UK to be eligible for an apprenticeship?	Please click <a href="#">here</a> for more information on eligibility.
7	I would like to know more about which physical fitness level the Army expects of apprentices when they join	Every job role has different fitness requirements, please click <a href="#">here</a> to find out more information.
8	My child only turns 16 in August 2025. As there is a requirement to stay in education, what should he do for the 6 months?	The earliest you can apply for the Army is 15 years and 7 months, he could join the Army Foundation College in September 2025 if he applies at 15 years and 7 months and gets through the application process. However, he will only be eligible for combat roles. You can also look at <a href="#">MPCT</a> who work alongside the Armed Forces.
9	What are the entry requirements?	Every role is different, the best way to find out is by going to the role finder on the Army Jobs website and looking at the entry requirements. Click <a href="#">here</a> to find out more.

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**Health entry requirements**

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10	Are there any limitations for applicants with ADHD?	All applications will be looked at on a case-by-case basis during the medical process. For more information click <a href="#">here</a> .
11	Is this opportunity open to people with Coeliac Disease?	All applications will be looked at on a case-by-case basis during the medical process. For more information click <a href="#">here</a> .
12	My son has Asperger's and ADHD. Can he still join an apprenticeship?	All applications will be looked at on a case-by-case basis during the medical process. For more information click <a href="#">here</a> .
13	What is your allergy policy?	All applications will be looked at on a case-by-case basis during the medical process. For more information click <a href="#">here</a> .
14	How difficult is the beep test?	Every job role has different fitness requirements, please click <a href="#">here</a> to find out more information.
15	What support is offered for additional needs, such as Tourettes Syndrome and/or ADHD?	All applications will be looked at on a case-by-case basis during the medical process. For more information click <a href="#">here</a> .

**Different roles / career paths**

Question		Answer
16	Are there electrical engineer apprenticeships?	Yes, there are over 40 apprenticeships available across 6 career streams. The apprenticeship you will complete will depend on the job role you pick. On the role finder, it does state what qualifications you could gain with a specific job. Please click <a href="#">here</a> to find out more information.
17	Can they choose the area they would like to work in (e.g. dog handling) or is it decided for them?	Yes, they get to choose their job role.
18	How can I get into a job as a carer, having no background in care?	You can join as a Healthcare Assistant, please click <a href="#">here</a> to find out more.
19	How many levels are for apprenticeships in the British Army?	We offer Level 2 – Level 4 apprenticeships, with the option to gain Level 6 later on in your career. Click <a href="#">here</a> to find out more about the apprenticeship levels.

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Question		Answer
20	How my son can become a Medic, and would Harrogate help/hinder/be obsolete?	Your son can join Harrogate (AFC) as a Combat Medical Technician. Soldiers who join at AFC, tend to do better in their career and they train with people their own age.
21	I wondered if the army is offering T level placements in health (any area)	We currently don't offer T Levels. Apprenticeships work really well with our workplace learning culture. We have many other opportunities including full and part time degrees. Click <a href="#">here</a> to find out more about the apprenticeship levels.
22	If my daughter wants to be an Army medic, does she join the Army after A Levels at 18 or does she apply for med schools at uni?	You can join the Army as a Combat Medical Technician without A-Levels. Please <a href="#">click</a> here to find out more.
23	Information about doctor apprenticeships for army?	You cannot do an apprenticeship as a Doctor, you need to be qualified. Please click <a href="#">here</a> to find out more on becoming a Doctor.
24	How to find out more about physiotherapy apprenticeships?	You cannot do an apprenticeship as a Physiotherapist; you need to be qualified. Please click <a href="#">here</a> to find out more on becoming a Physiotherapist.
25	What does a plumbing apprenticeship involve?	Please click <a href="#">here</a> to find out more about being a Plumber in the Army.
26	What are the entry requirements for a music apprenticeship?	The Royal Corps of Army Music do not offer apprenticeships for Musicians as you need to be graded to join.
27	What aviation apprenticeships do you do, and where?	There are over 40 apprenticeships available across 6 career streams. The apprenticeship you will complete will depend on the job role you pick. On the role finder, it does state what qualifications you could gain with a specific job. Please click <a href="#">here</a> and search <b>Army Air Corps</b> or <b>Avionics Technician</b> .

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Question		Answer
28	What different areas do you offer apprenticeships in?	There are over 40 apprenticeships available across 6 career streams. The apprenticeship you will complete will depend on the job role you pick. On the role finder, it does state what qualifications you could gain with a specific job. Please click <a href="#">here</a> to find out more information.
29	Would there be any job apprenticeships available in the engineering area and if so would there be and specialist areas	There are over 40 apprenticeships available across 6 career streams. The apprenticeship you will complete will depend on the job role you pick. On the role finder, it does state what qualifications you could gain with a specific job. Please click <a href="#">here</a> and search <b>Royal Engineers or Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers.</b>

**The application process**

Question		Answer
30	Are there any stand-out qualifications or supra- curricular activities that you look for on a CV? other than Duke of Edinburgh?	We do not take CV's all applications are made online. To find out more about the application process, please click <a href="#">here</a> .
31	At what point should students apply for the army? Are there set intake dates?	If you are joining at the age of 16 – 17.5 and are looking to attend Harrogate, you can apply from the age of 15 years and 7 months. Harrogate take on twice a year, September and March. If you are looking at joining at the age of 18, you can apply up until your 35.
32	Can you join an apprenticeship after A levels?	Yes, you can do an apprenticeship at any stage of your career.
33	What advice can you give students applying for an apprenticeship scheme?	Preparation is the key.
34	When do applications open?	They are open now, all year.

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**Life in the Army**

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<b>35</b>	Benefits of an apprenticeship with the British Army?	There are so many benefits of joining the Army. Find out more about Army life <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>36</b>	My daughter would also like to know if they teach you to drive in the army?	Yes they do :) You can get your car licence and other licences too.
<b>37</b>	Are the holidays set? Is there weekend leave?	You get 30 days of annual leave, plus bank holidays. If you've been on operations you'll get extra time off on your return too. AFC Harrogate works the same as a school timetable and junior Soldiers will get the same leave.
<b>38</b>	Do our young people stay at home while training?	No, they will live on site at one of the training establishments.
<b>39</b>	Will we be allowed our mobiles in our free time?	Yes.
<b>40</b>	Is food and board deducted from the salary?	Food and accommodation are automatically deducted from the Junior Soldiers' salary. They do not even notice it.
<b>41</b>	Are you obliged to 'sign up' for a set number of years?	You will be signing up for 4 years minimum service.
<b>42</b>	My son thinks being in the army is all about marching around in uniform and being shouted at. Is this a true reflection?	No, the Army offers far much opportunity.
<b>43</b>	What if my child changes their mind once started?	Remember – the Army isn't forever. If you decide that the Army is not right for you, you should talk to your Commanding Officer who will be able to advise you appropriately. You will need to be Discharged As Of Right (DAOR).
<b>44</b>	Where are the apprenticeships based for example, is it in the military bases? Am I mixed in with officers? Career path?	There are over 40 apprenticeships available across 6 career streams. The apprenticeship you will complete will depend on the job role you pick, which will also decide where you will be based.

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## Resources and information

Question		Answer
45	Do I have to be going to uni to do the officer gap year placement?	The Army Internship Programme is your opportunity to experience a challenging and rewarding year with the Army in the role of an Army Officer for 12 months before, during or after University.
46	My son will start a level sixth form in September 2025, how can he apply to join the sixth form scholarship? How does it work?	You will need to apply for the Scholarships at the start of Year 12, the application window is open from September – March every year. For more information, click <a href="#">here</a> .
47	What's the situation when a child is transgender but has not medically transitioned?	All applications will be looked at on a case-by-case basis during the medical process. For more information click <a href="#">here</a> .
48	When are the 2025 open days?	The date has not been released yet, you can watch the on demand version <a href="#">here</a> .
49	Does it matter if you have lived overseas for a large amount of time, still with UK citizenship please?	Please click <a href="#">here</a> for more information on eligibility.

If you have any further questions, please click [here](#) to find more FAQs on the Army website.