



Princethorpe  
College

# Degree Apprenticeships

A real alternative to full  
time university study

# How do apprenticeships compare to full time study?

		LEVEL						
UNIVERSITY	8	Doctorate PhD						
	7	Master's Degree MA, MSc, MPhil				Higher Apprenticeships	Degree Apprenticeships	
	6	Undergraduate Degree BA, BSc						
	5			Foundation degree FdA, FdSc	Higher National Diploma HND			
	4				Higher National Certificate HNC			
COLLEGE	3	A level	A2	BTEC Nationals			Advanced Apprenticeships	
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SCHOOL	2	GCSE Grades 9-4		BTEC Firsts				
	1	GCSE Grades 3-1						Intermediate Apprenticeships

# What are the advantages?

- Study for a degree whilst working (no debt and get paid)
- Gain work experience whilst studying
- More relevance to what you're studying



# Things to consider

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You need a fairly clear idea of what you want to do

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You need to be ready to enter the adult working environment - not the 'uni' experience

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They are very competitive but more opportunities each year

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Applications are direct to the employer – can be time consuming

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The recruitment process can be very rigorous

# Career areas available

- Examples:
  - Engineering
  - Business management
  - Accounting
  - Law (Solicitor)
  - Police
  - Cyber Security
  - Environmental Practitioner
  - Biosciences
- Surveying
- Project Management
- Digital Solutions
- Nursing
- Social Work
- Police

# How to find apprenticeships

- [Start - Apprenticeships - Student - Unifrog](#)
- Ucas.com
- [www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)



# My Job

- First year Degree Apprentice In Civil Engineering - Mott MacDonald
- Large support network.
- Trusted with meaningful work.
- Speeds up career progression – asset to the company.

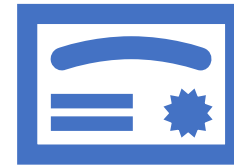
# University and qualifications



Weekly university teaching  
– applies to work.



Still have access to  
university societies etc.



Opportunity to gain  
additional qualifications.



# What was the application process like?

- Applied to 4 companies – got 4 offers.
- Shortlist of companies - applied to open positions.
- Written application forms and CVs.
- Intense selection process.

# Apprenticeship advice

- Gain additional experience.
- Think about what makes you different.
- Learn about the company and their work.
- Prepare well for interviews

