



# WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER BECOMING AN APPRENTICE?

You have so many choices when it comes to choosing a career and how you pursue that career. School? Sixth Form? College? Work? It is important that you seize the opportunity to consider all the options open to you and make up your own mind as to what works best for you.



**Sir Ian McKellen**  
actor  
apprentice at  
Belgrade Theatre,  
Coventry



**Stella McCartney**  
fashion designer  
apprentice to Savile Row tailor



**George Clarke**  
TV architect and presenter  
apprentice in Architecture



**Ross Brawn**  
Formula 1 managing director of  
Motorsports,  
mechanical craft apprentice for UK  
Atomic Energy Authority

In today's highly competitive job market it is really important that you not only gain relevant qualifications but you also develop the skills and abilities that employers are looking for.



**Jamie Oliver**  
chef  
catering apprentice



**David Beckham**  
footballer  
apprentice Manchester United

Apprenticeships are a great way to gain valuable workplace experience whilst still studying the processes and skills of your chosen area in more detail.

Some of the most successful people in the country today started their careers as apprentices.

*Photography: Brian Minkoff / London Pixels, George Clarke, Gage Skidmore, Karl Gabor, Matthew Lamb, Foreign & Commonwealth Office*

# SO WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

**An apprenticeship is a training programme designed to let you work for a real employer and earn a real salary whilst gaining absolutely invaluable workplace skills and experience working alongside experienced staff.**

All apprentices work towards a nationally-recognised industry qualification as part of their training programme and you will study for this on day release at college (usually one day per week). You may have had enough of school-based studying and just want to get out into the world and start earning some money.

Or, you may already be working but looking to try something new or improve your skills to help you progress up the career ladder.

And, whether you're looking for your first role or are already in employment an apprenticeship can give you the chance to do just that.

## SO WHAT BENEFITS WOULD I GET AS AN APPRENTICE?

- Earn a salary
- Learn the very latest skills relevant to your job
- Get paid holidays
- Gain a nationally-recognised qualification

### DID YOU KNOW:

- After finishing, over 90% of apprentices stay in employment
- Nearly a ¼ of former apprentices had been promoted within 12 months of finishing
- 89% of apprentices are satisfied with their apprenticeship
- On average a successful advanced apprentice can expect to earn from £77,000 to £117,000 more, over a lifetime, than a similar individual with a Level 2 qualification
- Those completing a higher apprenticeship could see increased earnings of around £150,000 over their lifetime
- Nearly 20% of advanced apprentices progress to higher education – at college or university – over time following their apprenticeship
- Apprenticeships are available to everyone over the age of 16 who is not in full-time education
- Apprenticeships are available to school leavers and those already in employment
- Apprenticeships are available for intermediate (Level 2) through to degree-level (Levels 6 and 7)



# SO HOW DO I BECOME AN APPRENTICE?

Do you know what area of work particularly interests you? What do you enjoy and why? Where do you see your career path taking you?

To become an apprentice, you need to be able to demonstrate that you have the potential, motivation, drive and commitment needed to work towards – and achieve – the high quality skills demanded by business and industry.

But don't be fooled into thinking an apprenticeship is an easy option. Apprenticeships can be very demanding but also very rewarding.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Have a look through the Apprenticeship Course pages in this guide and see which area appeals to you. You could always pop along to one of our open events in October, November, February or June to have a chat with our apprenticeship team about the apprenticeships we offer.
2. Once you've decided on the area in which you would like to follow an apprenticeship, visit our dedicated apprenticeship pages on the website [www.weymouth.ac.uk](http://www.weymouth.ac.uk) and see which specific apprenticeship you would like to apply for.
3. Apply online – either at home or in college if you need help or support.
4. You will be invited in for an interview with the apprenticeship team.
5. We will match you with your apprenticeship course and employer.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements will vary dependent upon the level you wish to start your apprenticeship. All apprentices need to be 16 years of age or older.

### APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>Level 2</b> | No specific formal entry requirements  |
| <b>Level 3</b> | English and maths at Grade 4 (Grade C) or above is desirable<br>You may also need a relevant Level 2 qualification or equivalent |
| <b>Level 4</b> | A Level 3 qualification or equivalent  |

Precise entry requirements will vary depending on the nature of the apprenticeship you want to consider. Full details of individual entry requirements can be found in our apprenticeship course listings at [www.weymouth.ac.uk](http://www.weymouth.ac.uk)

# OUR RANGE OF APPRENTICESHIP COURSES

## SUPPORTING TEACHING AND LEARNING IN SCHOOLS

This apprenticeship trains you to provide support in the classroom. Whether at primary, secondary or special schools - learning support staff will work with teachers, carry out duties like lesson preparation and work with small groups or individuals.

- Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools – Intermediate Level 2
- Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools – Advanced Level 3

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Information Technology Specialist – Intermediate Level 2
- Information Technology Specialist – Advanced Level 3

Find out more about each study programme by visiting our website: [www.weymouth.ac.uk](http://www.weymouth.ac.uk)

Register to attend an open event:  
[www.weymouth.ac.uk/register-open-day](http://www.weymouth.ac.uk/register-open-day)

Apply online

## CATERING

The hospitality and catering industry has grown enormously in recent years offering many apprenticeship opportunities.

You will train in industry-standard kitchens with professional chefs and real customers.

- Food Preparation and Cooking – Intermediate Level 2
- Food Preparation and Cooking – Advanced Level 3

## HOSPITALITY

A good qualification for those learners who are already working – or would like to work – in one of the many areas now accessible in hospitality and catering such as reception, concierge, conference and banqueting or management.

- Food and Beverage – Intermediate Level 2
- Housekeeping – Intermediate Level 2
- Front of House – Intermediate Level 2
- Hospitality Services – Intermediate Level 2
- Hospitality Supervision and Leadership – Advanced Level 3



## OUR APPRENTICESHIP COURSES

*Continued*

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

There are a wide variety of career paths in customer service. Many customer service apprentices work in retail, financial services, call centres, hospitality or sport and recreation.

If you are considering a career in either business, administration, or customer service these apprenticeship courses will provide a good skills base to build upon.

- Customer Service – Intermediate **Level 2**
- Customer Service – Advanced **Level 3**

Find out more about each study programme by visiting our website: [www.weymouth.ac.uk](http://www.weymouth.ac.uk)

Register to attend an open event:  
[www.weymouth.ac.uk/register-open-day](http://www.weymouth.ac.uk/register-open-day)

Apply online

### FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

An employee skilled in day-to-day finance operations and organisation is a vital part of most businesses. These courses will allow you to develop your skills in accounting and money management – supporting those skills with formal qualifications at higher apprenticeship levels.

- Intermediate Apprenticeship (Expires March 2018) **Level 2**
- Assistant Accountant – Advanced – new standards **Level 3**
- Advanced Apprenticeship (Expires March 2018) **Level 3**

### LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Courses designed to develop the leadership and management skills needed for a successful business-based career.

- Team Leading – Intermediate **Level 2**
- Management – Advanced **Level 3**
- Management – Higher Level **Level 4**
- Management and Leadership – Higher Level **Level 5**

### BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION

Business and administration are needed in hundreds of job roles and an apprenticeship is a great starting point to get into many industries. You could become involved in setting up and monitoring information systems, using software packages or train as a receptionist, administrator or vocational secretary.

- Business and Administration – Intermediate **Level 2**
- Business and Administration – Advanced **Level 3**
- Business and Professional Administration – Higher Level **Level 4**



## OUR APPRENTICESHIP COURSES

*Continued*

### CONSTRUCTION

A wide range of courses introducing the many skills areas involved in the modern construction industry.

- Bricklaying – Intermediate **Level 2**
- Bricklaying – Advanced **Level 3**
- Plumbing – Intermediate **Level 2**
- Site Carpentry – Intermediate **Level 2**
- Site Carpentry – Advanced **Level 3**
- Bench Joinery – Intermediate **Level 2**
- Bench Joinery – Advanced **Level 3**

### PLUS

- Installing and Commissioning Electrotechnical Systems and Equipment (Buildings & Structures) – Advanced – Level 3

### STONEMASONRY

If you want to work within the heritage sector – learning from experienced and practiced specialists and honing and perfecting your skills in this unique and respected trade – the courses below are an excellent place to start.

- Stonemasonry – Intermediate **Level 2**
- Stonemasonry – Advanced **Level 3**

Find out more about each study programme by visiting our website: [www.weymouth.ac.uk](http://www.weymouth.ac.uk)

Register to attend an open event: [www.weymouth.ac.uk/register-open-day](http://www.weymouth.ac.uk/register-open-day)

Apply online





## OUR APPRENTICESHIP COURSES

*Continued*

### ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING

A range of apprenticeships designed to provide the skills, knowledge and competence to work as a technician – carrying out a variety of engineering and manufacturing processes in areas including automotive, aerospace, electronics, electrical and metal goods.

- Improving Operational Performance – Intermediate Level 2
- Engineering Manufacture – Advanced Level 3
- Engineering Manufacture – Higher Level Level 4

### MOTOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

These courses will furnish you with the practical skills and experience to repair and maintain a wide range of vehicles from mopeds to lorries. More advanced apprenticeships will introduce complex fault analysis and diagnostics.

- Motor Vehicle Maintenance – Intermediate Level 2
- Motor Vehicle Maintenance – Advanced Level 3

#### PLUS

- Motorcycle Studies – Intermediate Level 2
- Motorcycle Studies – Advanced Level 3

Find out more about each study programme by visiting our website: [www.weymouth.ac.uk](http://www.weymouth.ac.uk)

Register to attend an open event: [www.weymouth.ac.uk/register-open-day](http://www.weymouth.ac.uk/register-open-day)

Apply online



OUR APPRENTICESHIP COURSES  
*Continued*

**ACTIVITY HANDLING AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT**

If you want to work in an activity centre or outdoor education centre or you would like to look at a supervisory role in a leisure or tourist park – these qualifications are a good place to start.

- Activity Leadership – Intermediate Level 2
- Leisure Management – Advanced Level 3

Find out more about each study programme by visiting our website: [www.weymouth.ac.uk](http://www.weymouth.ac.uk)

Register to attend an open event:  
[www.weymouth.ac.uk/register-open-day](http://www.weymouth.ac.uk/register-open-day)

Apply online

**HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND EARLY YEARS**

Courses designed to develop and hone your competence in a health and social care setting – from helping people with a particular need to providing vital assistance to health care professionals in the care of patients.

- Health & Social Care – Intermediate Level 2
- Health & Social Care – Advanced Level 3
- Childcare – Intermediate Level 2
- Childcare – Advanced Level 3

**HAIRDRESSING AND BARBERING**

Courses designed to introduce the skills needed to work in a hairdressing salon or barber shop – including shampooing, cutting, styling, customer service and advanced colour correction.

If you are already working in hairdressing or barbering you could consider an apprenticeship to develop your skills to become a senior stylist.

- Hairdressing – Intermediate – new standards Level 2
- Barbering – intermediate Level 2
- Hairdressing – Advanced Level 3

# SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## *As an apprentice will I still get the campus-based benefits of being a student?*

Yes, you will have access to all campus facilities including our sports centres, outdoor adventure opportunities, on-site café, student lounge, specialist computer suite and learning gateway. You will also be entitled to apply for a Student Union card.

## *What If I need a bit of support on my college days?*

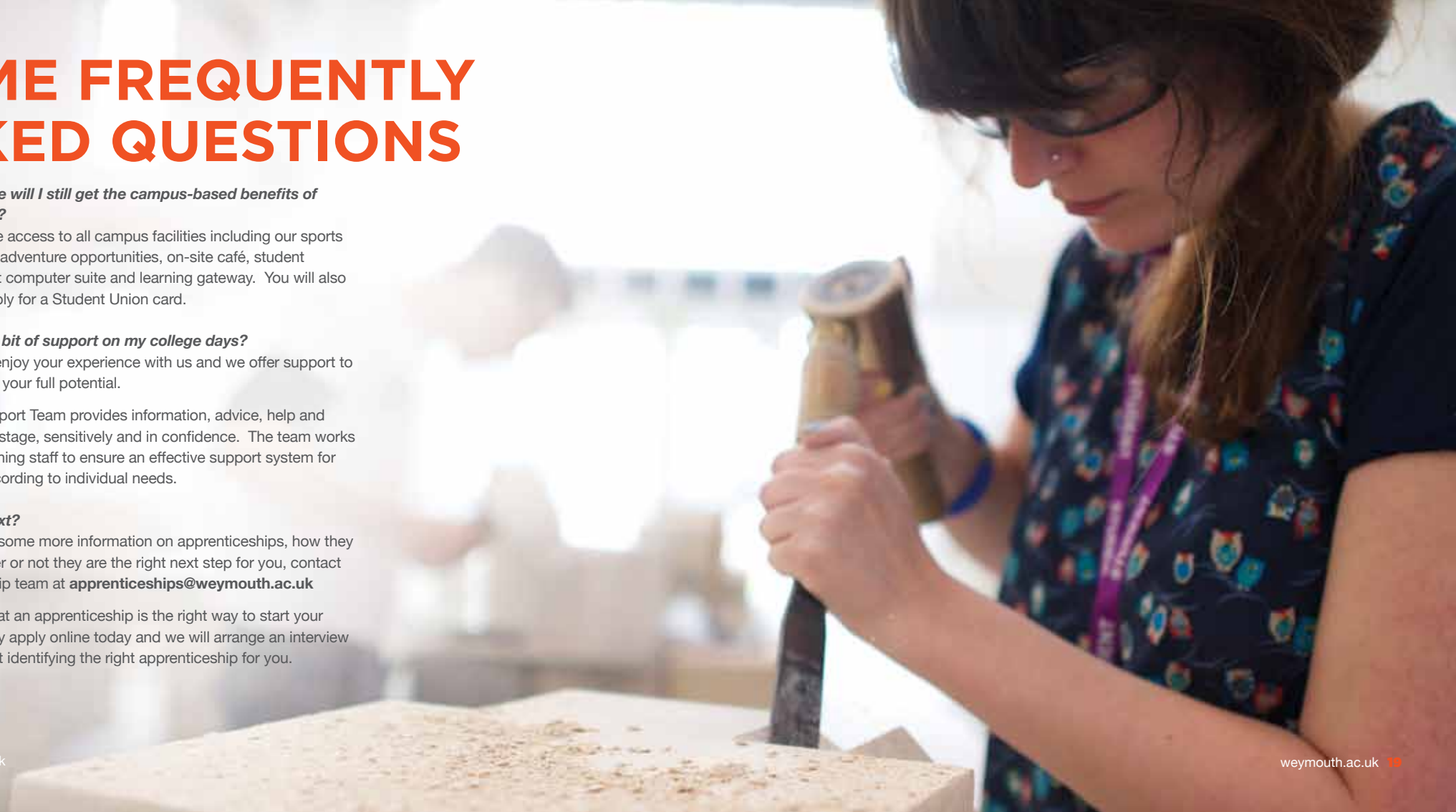
We want you to enjoy your experience with us and we offer support to help you achieve your full potential.

The Student Support Team provides information, advice, help and support at every stage, sensitively and in confidence. The team works closely with teaching staff to ensure an effective support system for each student according to individual needs.

## *What do I do next?*

If you would like some more information on apprenticeships, how they work and whether or not they are the right next step for you, contact our apprenticeship team at [apprenticeships@weymouth.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@weymouth.ac.uk)

If you are sure that an apprenticeship is the right way to start your future then simply apply online today and we will arrange an interview so we can look at identifying the right apprenticeship for you.



If you would like to talk about becoming an  
apprentice please contact **01305 208709** or  
email **[apprenticeships@weymouth.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@weymouth.ac.uk)**



Cranford Avenue | Weymouth | Dorset | DT4 7LQ

01305 761100  
[weymouth.ac.uk](http://weymouth.ac.uk)



[facebook.com/weymouthcollegeapprenticeships](https://facebook.com/weymouthcollegeapprenticeships)



[@WeymouthCollege](https://twitter.com/WeymouthCollege)

