



CRGS Sixth Form *A Brief Introduction to Applying for Higher and Degree Apprenticeships*

CRGS *Futures* Series Presentation 5: Mrs Johnston



“The future
depends on
what we do in
the present.”

Mahatma
Gandhi

CRGS *Futures Series*

This is the fifth CRGS Sixth Form Futures presentation:

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What is an apprenticeship?

- An apprenticeship is a combined package of work and study. Apprentices are employed by a company and paid a wage for the work that they do. It is a job with substantial training and the development of transferable skills
- Apprentices are entitled to the same rights as other employees: a contract of employment and at least 20 days paid holiday per year, plus bank holidays
- If you opt for a degree apprenticeship, you also work towards a degree
- These are highly sought after opportunities and not a soft option. Studying is often completed in evenings and at weekends.

Different levels of apprenticeships



Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade A*– C or 9 – 4
Advanced	3	2 A level passes/Level 3 Diploma/ International Baccalaureate
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

Many national and multinational organisations launch their apprenticeship and early career programmes at various times throughout the year.

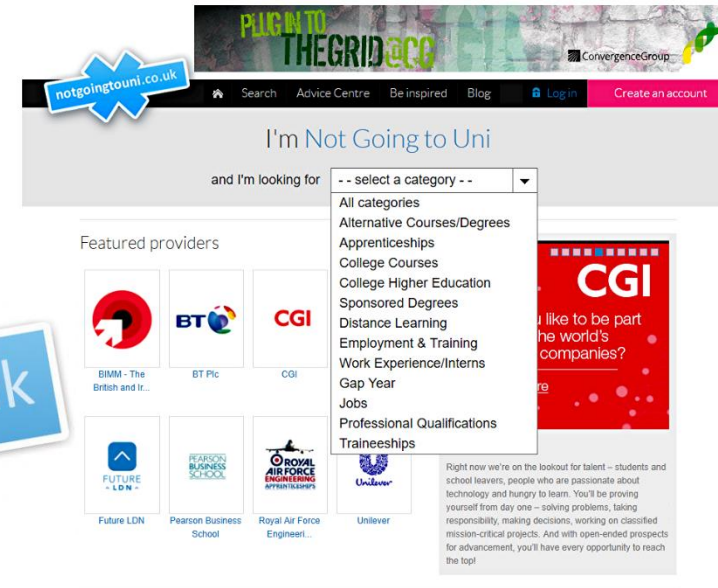
Check websites regularly and apply as soon as possible; sometimes applications are closed before the final closing date.



Useful starting points for your research



1. Not going to uni website



2. Complete Guide to Higher and Degree Apprenticeships



The Complete Guide to
**HIGHER AND DEGREE
APPRENTICESHIPS**



Go to a specific university website and look for apprenticeship degrees



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Degree apprenticeships

Degree apprenticeships combine on-the-job training with study for a higher level qualification, giving you the highly skilled and knowledgeable workforce your business needs.

Information for employers

Information about degree apprenticeships, including business benefits, funding and the role of the employer.



Current apprenticeships

View our range of current degree apprenticeship courses, plus find out about apprenticeships currently under development.





Tips for finding suitable vacancies:



- Set up alerts to receive emails or text messages when new apprenticeship vacancies are added. Remember that apprenticeships are advertised in lots of different places and there isn't just one deadline.
- Contact Mrs Dickinson (m.dickinson@crgs.org.uk) with the types of apprenticeship you are interested in. We often receive emails from local businesses about suitable opportunities.
- Broaden your industry awareness of different roles within organisations. Large organisations have different functions within their businesses like Logistics, Business Administration, Management, Software/IT, Finance and Engineering. Do your research and keep an open mind.



Prepare carefully for the selection process



- Complete the form very carefully – these take a long time and you need to answer the specific questions posed
- Prepare carefully for interviews (often virtual) – treat them like a real interview; dress smartly; check your background; prepare carefully; research the company and the scheme; look directly at the camera rather than yourself!
- Prepare for Situational Judgement tests - look closely at the detail of the situation & the possible answers; be clear on whether they are looking for a judgement or information; answer the specific question – is it asking for a ranking or just one answer?; avoid making assumptions about a scenario
- Game-based selection – these give you a realistic real-time experience and collect thousands of datapoints about your decisions and how the applicant approaches tasks and responds to change
- Selection Days – be prepared for anything and remember to think carefully about how you interact with the other applicants – everything will be being assessed!

Useful resources:



- [The Complete Guide to Higher and Degree Apprenticeships](#)
- [National Apprenticeship Service Guide to Higher and Degree Apprenticeships](#)
- [Notgoingtouni.co.uk](#)
- [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](#)
- [www.ucas.com/degree-apprenticeships](#)
- [www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk](#)
- [www.amazingapprenticeships.com](#)
- [www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk](#)

