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National Apprenticeship Week 2021: get ready for take-off

National Apprenticeship Week 2021 launches in the second week of February – and it's your chance to see if it's right for your child.

Take three actions to put yourself in the picture:

1. **Download** the [Amazing Apprenticeships Parent Pack](#) to find out about everything from traineeships and T-levels to higher and degree-level apprenticeships, plus case studies on KMPG and the BBC.
2. **Book on one of the free after-school live virtual webinars below** for students, parents and carers organised by Bucks Skills Hub.
3. Research the individual apprenticeship opportunities to follow: from engineering apprenticeships at Bucks-based Martin-Baker, the world-leading manufacturer of aeroplane ejection seats (pictured), to Mars Wrigley in Slough, to national opportunities including Marks & Spencer, Vodafone and more.



An Introduction to Apprenticeships for Years 7-9

6 – 7pm, Tuesday 9 February 2021

- What exactly is an apprenticeship?
- Who should consider doing one?
- Why are apprenticeships different to other post-16 routes?
- What are the different levels of apprenticeships?
- Where are vacancies publicised?
- How does applying for an apprenticeship differ to applying for university?

Your introductory questions answered, plus hear direct from current apprentices.

[Click here to book your free place](#)

Finding and Applying for An Apprenticeship for Years 10-13

6 – 7.15pm, Wednesday 10 February 2021

- What are the different levels of apprenticeship?
- What does apprenticeship training look like?
- Which industry sectors offer apprenticeships?
- How do apprenticeship standards work?
- What's the application timeframe and how does it compare to UCAS?

Your in-depth questions answered plus top tips on:

- How, when and where to apply
- What employers are looking for
- How to make a successful application
- How to develop a professional online presence

Plus hear direct from current apprentice

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Register now for the virtual National Apprenticeship Show

Register now for the National Apprenticeship show online on Wednesday 10 February: it's open until 6pm, so you could log on after school together with you son or daughter.



Encourage them to research exhibitors in advance that they're interested in and be prepared with questions. When the event is open you will be able to click on any of the stands and have either a text or voice conversation with representatives from that stand.

[Register for the free event here](#) and [view the list of exhibitors here](#)



UCAS Discover Apprenticeships

UCAS is broadcasting a week of live sessions on apprenticeships from Monday 8 February – Friday 12 February, sponsored by the National Apprenticeship Service. [Click here to see the line-up and book](#)

Apply now: live apprenticeship opportunities

Search for all live apprenticeship opportunities on the Government's [Find an Apprenticeship](#) website. We've highlighted a few current ones below.

World leader advertises local opportunities

Martin-Baker has just launched its September 2021 apprenticeship intake for students interested in a career in engineering: [see it on YouTube here](#).

The ejection seat manufacturer is looking to employ 6-8 new apprentices. Throughout the pandemic, all current apprentices and employees have continued to work within Government restrictions at their site in Denham, south Bucks.

[Visit Martin-Baker's website for more information and to apply](#)

[Download the advert here](#)



Find out about live apprenticeships with the NHS

Hear direct from the NHS team about live apprenticeship opportunities in healthcare for students leaving school. Current and former apprentices will talk about how their apprenticeship has kick-started their career.

[Register for the free event here](#)

[Find out more about NHS apprenticeships](#)



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A Mars Apprenticeship helps you work, learn and earn

Mars Wrigley is now recruiting three engineering and eight manufacturing apprentices to start in September at its site in Slough.

Its 'best in class' apprenticeship programme provides hands-on experience, further education and mentorship. The deadline for applications is 8 February. [Find out more and apply here](#)



Marks & Spencer: Retail Management School Leaver Programme

[Find out more and apply before 17 February here](#) and [find out about early careers here](#)

BT: Advanced, Higher and Degree level apprenticeships now open, including Customer Service, IT & Technical Support, Software Development, Sales, Electronics, Data Analysis and Network Design.

[Find out more and apply here](#) and [find out about early careers here](#)

Vodafone: 2021 Advanced, Higher and Degree level apprenticeships now open, including Software Development, Cyber Security, Data Analyst, IT Consultancy Network Engineer, Project Management, Software Engineer

[Find out more and apply here](#) and [find out about early careers here](#)

Jaguar Land Rover: Apply before 15 February 2021 for the Applied Professional Engineering Degree Apprenticeship Programme (control systems; electrical and electronics; and manufacturing) and Level 4 Apprenticeship in Manufacturing Engineering.

[Find out more and apply to the degree programme here](#) and [the Level 4 Apprenticeship here](#).

[Find out more about early careers here](#)

Fujitsu: Apply now for apprenticeships at all advanced, higher and degree level, including Digital & Technology Solutions, Software Development, Business & Administration.

[Find out more and search for roles here](#)

Sign up for science and tech open evening

Students interested in science, engineering, computing and technology can sign up to a virtual Apprenticeship Open Evening on Thursday 11 February from 6 – 7 pm to learn about apprenticeship opportunities and meet current apprentices.

It's hosted by the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) which offers advanced and higher-level apprenticeships suitable for both post-16 and post -18 leavers.

[Find out more information and register on Eventbrite](#)



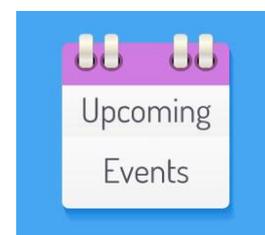
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Virtual apprenticeship events listing

Here's a round-up of free virtual events listing on apprenticeships across a range of industry sectors – from accounting to health, gaming to construction – but keep an eye open for others.



Company/ event title	Apprenticeship area	Date/ time	More information/ registration
Life at Deloitte: spring virtual careers events	Audit Governance Risk Management Tax Technology	Various events throughout February	https://www2.deloitte.com/uk/en/pages/careers/articles/student-events.html/
NHS Apprenticeships virtual insight event	Healthcare - various	Monday 8 February 5pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nhs-apprenticeships-virtual-insight-event-tickets-138230307571
An Introduction to Apprenticeships for Years 7-9 with Bucks Skills Hub	Various	Tuesday 9 February 6 – 7pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-introduction-to-apprenticeships-for-years-789-tickets-136256965251
Nestlé apprenticeship virtual discovery event	Finance Chartered Management Digital Marketing	Tuesday 9 February 5pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nestle-apprenticeship-virtual-discovery-event-19th-january-and-9th-february-tickets-132284772315
Finding and Applying for An Apprenticeship for Years 10-13 with Bucks Skills Hub	Various	Wednesday 10 February 6 – 7.15pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/finding-applying-for-an-apprenticeship-for-years-10-13-tickets-136263135707
UK Games Industry internships, graduate schemes and traineeships	Gaming	Thursday 25 February 4pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/uk-games-industry-internships-graduate-schemes-and-traineeships-tickets-125319561181

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UNIVERSITY

Sign up for [UK University Search](#) updates to find out more and register for free virtual fairs attended by universities and colleges including Russell Group, red brick, modern and specialist institutions – plus webinars on UCAS personal statements, clearing and student finance.



Young people can speak directly to admissions teams and recruitment officers to gain a better understanding of the range of post-18 options available to them and download lots of helpful resources.

[Put the Spring Virtual Fair in your diary on Wednesday 17 March 2021 from midday to 6pm](#)



russellgroup.vfairs.com

Meet the Russell Group

Meet all 24 Russell Group Universities at this free virtual event on Wednesday 10 February from midday to 7pm.

Designed for students aiming to study at a Russell Group university, this virtual event will allow them to explore all of them in one place, talk to their representatives, take part in webinars and go on virtual campus tours.

[Find out more and register](#)

Interested engineering, business or law?

The University of Nottingham is running webinars on applying to study degrees in business (3 March) and law (4 March) from 6 – 7pm. [Find out and book more here](#)



Let's talk about uni

Book your son or daughter onto one of The University of Hertfordshire's free virtual talks during February and March to have your questions about university answered, be inspired by taster lectures and industry talks from leading experts, plus boost A level/level 3 performance through masterclasses including:

- 10 February, 4 - 5 pm – Get ready! Preparing for life at university – what's it like?
- 24 February, 4 - 5 pm – Money, Money, Money: Student Finance and Budgeting for students
- 24 February, 7 - 8 pm – Student Finance Information evening for parents

[See for the full list of upcoming events and book here](#)

