

# CAREERS BULLETIN

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To celebrate National Apprenticeship Week 2025, Rossett School Careers Bulletin will be focusing on apprenticeships and why they could be a great option for your child. This week, we are exploring Advanced Apprenticeships.



Advanced apprenticeships offer an excellent opportunity for those aged 16 and over, not already studying full time, to kick-start their career.

## Advanced Apprenticeships

- Are equivalent to two A-level passes
- Take between 1 and 4 years, but are often completed within two years
- Are available across a range of industries. Explore industries of interest [here](#)
- Offer an **average** salary of £21,000 per year
- Account for 43.1% of all apprenticeship starts (146,520 in 2023/24), making them the most popular type of apprenticeship.



Students can apply for apprenticeships while still at school but can only start an apprenticeship once they are no longer in full-time education or work.

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## What are the Pros and Cons of an Apprenticeship?

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- An apprentice is an employee and gets paid a salary, a holiday allowance, and sick pay.
- An apprentice gains professional experience in their chosen career and puts what they learn into practice daily.
- An apprentice doesn't have to pay any study costs, as they are co-funded by the employer and the Government.
- At the end of the apprenticeship, there is often the chance to secure permanent employment at the company.

### Things to Consider

- It's a real job, so apprentices must get to work on time and keep up with what's expected of them.
- Apprentices need to manage their time, so they can fit in working and studying.
- Apprentices get paid, but like any other job, they will be paying tax and national insurance, so money management skills are essential.
- Apprentices get the same holiday allowance as all members of staff, on average 28 days a year.



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## Where can you find an Advanced Apprenticeship?

Major recruiters in all sectors offer advanced apprenticeships, including:

- **AWE** - apprenticeships in operations, HR, electrical or mechanical maintenance, and project controls.
- **Babcock** - various programmes including communications engineering, electrical and electronic manufacturing, and electrical control and instrumentation craftsperson.
- **BAE Systems** - business services, engineering, manufacturing, and technology apprenticeships, with featured roles including welder, pipe fabricator and steelworker.
- **Barclays** - two-year programmes in software development, technology, cyber and security, operations, HR and banking (retail or corporate).
- **BBC** - Level 3 schemes to work as a broadcast and media systems technical operator, business administrator, HR support, junior production coordinator, multichannel marketer or production apprentice.
- **Civil Service** - a range of frontline, corporate or government policy positions in digital, cyber security, customer service, and finance.
- **Jaguar Land Rover (JLR)** - an advanced apprenticeship focusing on vehicle manufacturing with opportunities to work in design, development, quality assurance, or maintenance.
- **National Grid Group** - routes you can take include electricity transmission, distribution, and operations.
- **National Health Service (NHS)** - jobs at this level include business administrator, senior therapy support worker, dental nurse, and maternity support worker.
- **Network Rail** - opportunities in finance, rail engineering, rail infrastructure operations and section planning.
- **Rolls-Royce** - a three-year Nuclear Non-Destructive Testing Engineering Technician Apprenticeship and a four-year Engineering Apprenticeship.

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To find out what's available near you, search for advanced apprenticeships at GOV.UK - Find an apprenticeship.



For an exhaustive list of Advanced Apprenticeships, click [here](#)

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