



CAREERS @ NEWSTEAD

Creating opportunities for success

Apprenticeships

Introduction from Mrs Dalton

Welcome to our Careers Newsletter 2024!

We have been busy supporting our Year 13s with Oxbridge, Medicine and Dentistry interviews - we have already received 7 offers back from Oxford and 6 from Cambridge. We congratulate those students on their hard work and resilience, they have been through a rigorous process and have done extremely well.

We have also been ready setting up advisory appointments for Year 11 students about to embark on their A-Level journey, offering them advice about where their choices could take them and what universities and apprenticeship providers are looking for.

We hope this edition gives you a greater insight into the amazing world of apprenticeships - which offer you the chance to learn while you earn. It is certainly more hard work than simply attending university - but can provide you with phenomenal industry experience and get you set up in a career - and of course some employers pay for your degree, therefore apprenticeships are increasingly popular as an option with students at Newstead.

As ever we want you to be informed. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact careers@newsteadwood.co.uk or Ms Dalton.

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Apprenticeships

Why consider an apprenticeship?

- Earn while you learn
- Gain hands-on experience
- Benefit from support systems within the organisation
- Achieve industry-recognized qualifications
- No debt at the end of the apprenticeship
- Receive comprehensive training with specific skills, tailored to the particular apprenticeship
- Great opportunities to be promoted from within the company

Different levels of apprenticeships

Intermediate level 2, equivalent to GCSEs

Advanced level 3, equivalent to A Levels

Higher level 4,5, equivalent to foundation degrees & above

Degree level 6,7, equivalent to a bachelors or masters degree

What is a degree apprenticeship?

Students can start a degree apprenticeship after A Levels. You'll secure a full-time job with an employer, with time out to study, which the company organises.

Each course is designed to recognise your academic and on-the-job learning, so both are taken into consideration and you're seen as a full-time student. It therefore usually takes the same amount of time to complete as a traditional university course - typically three or four years for a bachelor's degree.

The university and your employer will typically work together to ensure your academic and on-the-job learning are both progressing at the required rate.

However, all of this means it won't suit everyone. If you're looking for the 'university experience' (such as living in student accommodation, studying at your own pace etc.) and/or have a specific course in mind, then an apprenticeship may not work for you. In addition, because there are fewer degree apprenticeship vacancies than university degrees, it can be a very competitive application process.

Some examples of companies, offering degree apprenticeships

- **Ernst & Young** (Finance, Digital) https://www.ey.com/en_uk/careers/students/application-process
- **Rolls-Royce** (Engineering) <https://rollsroyce.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/Apprentice>
- **Goldman Sachs** (Financial services, operations and technology) <https://www.goldmansachs.com/careers/students/programs/emea/degree-apprentices.html>
- **NHS:** (Healthcare) <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/study-and-training/nhs-apprenticeships>
- **Mott MacDonald** (Engineering) <https://www.mottmac.com/careers/uk-apprenticeships-information>

And finally, other names of companies who offer degree apprenticeships : IBM, BAE, BMW, BT, Network Rail, AstraZeneca, Lloyds....there are literally hundreds of companies offering apprenticeships, click on the link to find out more. <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>

What's happening - Careers@Newstead



Year 12 Lecture

Friday 2 Feb Apprenticeships.

Careers@lunchtime sessions

Wed 13 March: Bromley Healthcare are coming into school to run an informal Q&A session for potential medics in Years 9-13. Mrs Thorne will talk about the huge variety and range of jobs in the NHS.

Year 12 Face to Face Work Experience

This will take place from Thursday 11-Wednesday 17 July 2024 (5 days). Students should start making contact with potential employers and applying for places as soon as possible.

Year 13 mock interviews

Thank you to the parents who have helped deliver mock interviews to our Year 13 students. We really appreciate your time. Good luck to students for any outstanding university interviews.

Career Guidance Interviews

Year 11s continue with their 1:1 guidance meetings which will help them in their future pathways.

Trips organised by the Careers Team

27 & 28 Feb National Apprenticeship Show

5 March "We Can Be" City of London - Year 11

15 March Women's Insight Day at Goldman Sachs - Year 12/13

20 March Law Panel in the City of London - Year 12/13

CONNECTING CURRICULUM TO CAREERS



What is a dentist?

A dentist is a medical professional who specializes in oral health, they prevent dental diseases and use diagnostic measures to evaluate dental problems. They also have a vital role in identifying and diagnosing sinister changes in the head and neck regions including oral cancer.

Five reasons to study Dentistry

- Feel good factor - like any medical professional, being a dentist is helping and caring for people.
- Impressive salary - NHS dentists earn between £40k and £80k. Salaries at consultant level can reach over £100k. Dentists in the Armed Forces can earn £70k.
- Meaningful international skills - you will be employable anywhere in the world.
- Practical experience - dentistry degrees allow you to practice at local surgeries with at least a year dedicated to practical work.
- Good graduate prospects - within 6 months of graduating, there is almost a 100% guarantee of being employed.

What qualifications do I need?

Biology or chemistry with additional exams in biology, chemistry, physics, maths or psychology, however universities will have different entrance requirements.

Different roles within dentistry

Dental hygienists are mainly concerned with preventive dental health and treating gum disease, including cleaning teeth by removing plaque.

Dental technicians make and repair dental appliances used to improve a patient's appearance, speech or ability to eat.

Dental therapists carry out all the duties of a dental hygienist & also provide simple fillings.

Dental nurses assist dentists, therapists and hygienists in the care of patients. It is a varied job and can include everything from supporting with routine examinations to making the patient feel relaxed.

Work Experience / items to put on a CV

Try to undertake voluntary work or some shadowing in a dentist surgery, it's useful to join the British Dental Association, and also complete some relevant MOOCs.

Skills required to become a dentist

Create trust with your patients, have good verbal and written communication skills, ability to problem solve, make decisions and work in a team.

A last thought!

If you love horses, you could train to be an equine dental technician.

Unifrog News for Year 10-13 students



If you are interested in applying for an apprenticeship or even just considering it, please log on to the Unifrog Apprenticeships Fair on the 7th February from 4.30pm - 7pm. Learn about the world of apprenticeships, get top tips and hear from some leading firms such as KPMG, Lloyds or Unilever.

<https://unifrogapprenticeshipsfair.vfairs.com/>

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