

Sheldon Sixth Form

Year 13 and beyond
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This evening



Welcome – Mr Spiers (Mrs Brunt + Miss Frater)

Supporting your Yr13 son / daughter, and the year ahead – Mr Spiers

Applying to university – Beth and Charlie, University of Bath – via Teams

Apprenticeships – Kate Witchell, careers adviser

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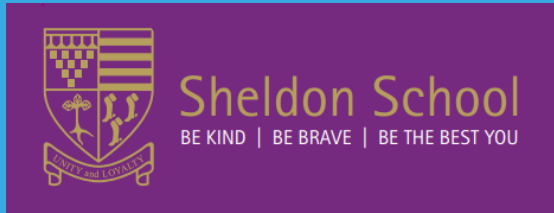
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University of Bath –Charlie via Teams

- Why choose university?
- Course choice – first priority
- Student finance
- <https://www.natwest.com/life-moments/students-and-graduates/student-living-index.html>



Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

Year 12 Parent Information Evening



Next Steps
South West



Learning Outcomes

By the end of this session, you will be able to ...

- ✓ Understand what a higher or degree apprenticeship is
- ✓ Explain the difference between the apprenticeship route and the university route
- ✓ Better understand how to become a higher or degree apprentice



Apprenticeships

What is an apprenticeship?

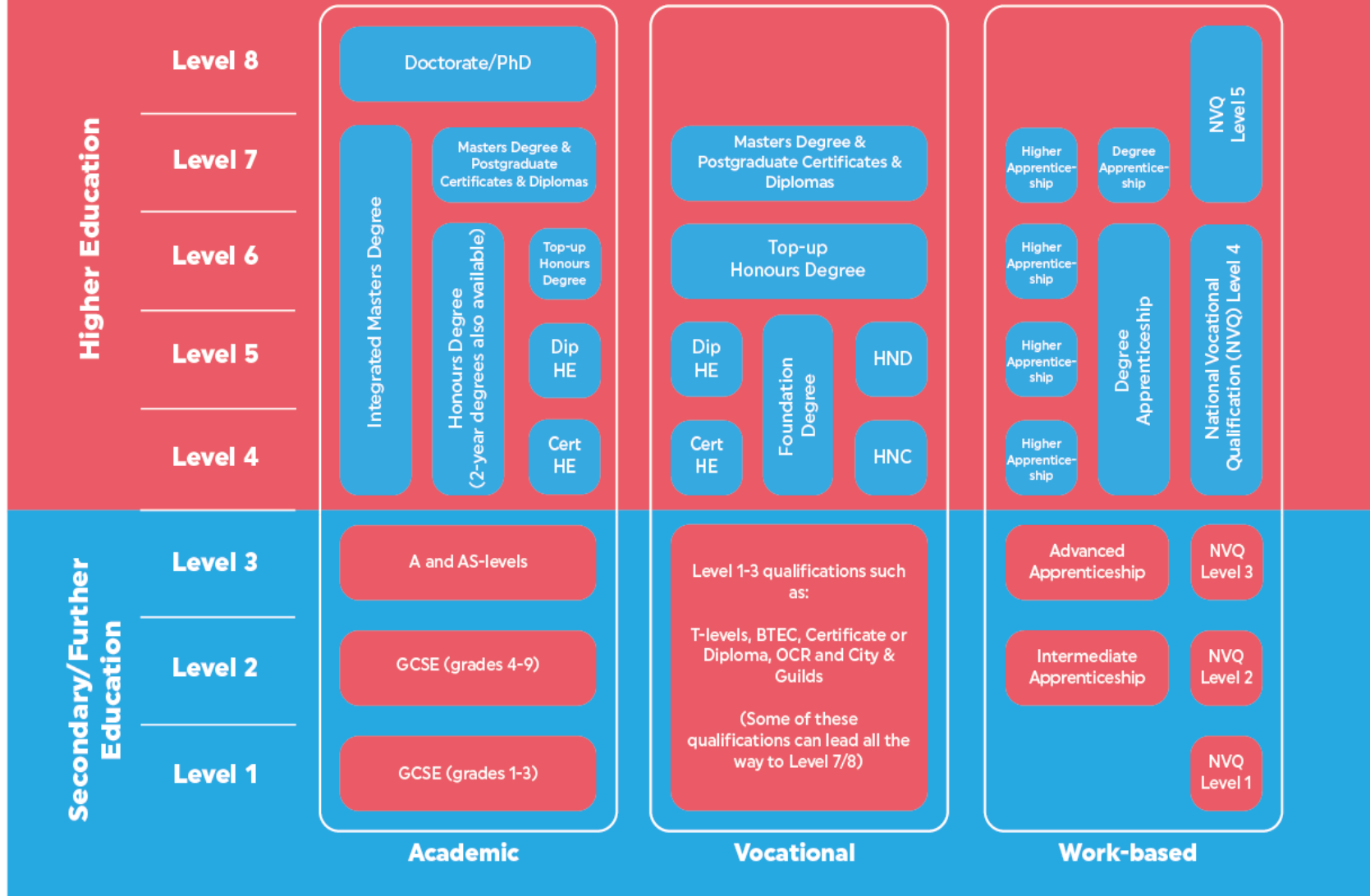
- A combination of work-based training and classroom learning
- An opportunity to earn a wage whilst working alongside experienced staff
- Training towards nationally recognised qualifications with 20% of your time spent at a local college or university

How will my time be divided?

The 20% protected study time you have could be spent in one of three different ways:

- Distance - studying remotely, away from your place of employment (e.g. the Open University)
- Blended - studying one day per week in a partner college or university
- Block - studying at college or university for several consecutive days less frequently

QUALIFICATION CHART



Apprenticeship Qualifications

Apprenticeship Levels		Equivalent
2	Intermediate	Five GCSE passes at grades 9-4
3	Advanced	Two A level passes
4, 5, 6 & 7	Higher	Foundation degree and above
6 & 7	Degree	Bachelor's or Master's degree



Examples of Sectors & Industries Offering Apprenticeships

- ❖ Creative, media, arts, and digital technologies – advanced, higher, degree
- ❖ Information and communication technology – advanced, higher, degree
- ❖ TV production and broadcasting – advanced, higher, degree
- ❖ Business management, administration, law, and financial services – advanced, higher, degree
- ❖ Construction, planning, and the built environment – advanced, higher, degree
- ❖ Engineering and manufacturing – advanced, higher, degree
- ❖ Health and care – advanced, higher, degree
- ❖ Life and industrial sciences – higher, degree
- ❖ Retail and commercial enterprise – advanced, higher
- ❖ Agriculture, horticulture, and animal care – advanced, higher
- ❖ Public sector/public services – advanced, higher
- ❖ Education and training – advanced
- ❖ Leisure, travel, and tourism – advanced



What's the difference?

Undergraduate Degree	Higher / Degree Apprenticeship
Access to £9,250 per year tuition fee loan	All training is paid for by the university or the Government
Gain a level 6 qualification	Gain a level 4-7 qualification
Usually full-time study (some part-time options)	A minimum of 20% protected study time during contracted work hours
Apply through UCAS	Apply through employer
Unpaid (with access to bursaries, scholarships and loans for living costs)	Paid
Get the 'university experience'	Go straight into the world of work
Learn in lectures and independent study	Learn on the job



The Benefits



- Earn while you learn
- Gain nationally recognised qualifications
- All the benefits of being a paid employee including paid holidays
- Gain soft skills that employers want
- Avoid tuition fees and student loans
- Supported by a dedicated tutor
- More workplace experience compared to students who take an academic route
- Gain higher level management skills



Things to Consider

- Lower pay than a standard job
- Number of apprenticeships available varies by location
- Apprenticeships advertised on a rolling basis when vacancies become available
- Apprenticeships are competitive because anyone can apply, including existing employees
- Will not have the 'university experience' that many people value
- No access to student financial support

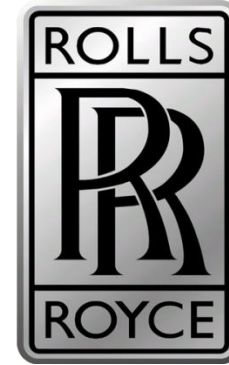
The Apprenticeship Wage

The minimum wage for an apprentice (16-18) will be £6.40 per hour starting from April 2024, but some employers will pay more.

For age 18 – 20 it will increase to £8.60 per hour.

You will still receive payment whilst studying at your college / university.

If you are over 19 years old and have completed your first year as an apprentice, you are entitled to the National Minimum Wage (£11.44).



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Did You Know?

- The most popular apprenticeship in the country is for early years teachers, with programmes for nurses, data technicians, engineers, accountants, and police constables also in the top 20.
- Sectors with most people starting on apprenticeships include construction; business and administration; health and science; education and early years; engineering and manufacturing; and digital – with more engagement needed with the likes of catering and hospitality; transport and logistics; and creative and design.

2022 – 2023 Most Popular

Rank	Apprenticeship	2022-23 Starts
1	Early Years Educator	14,849
2	Team Leader or Supervisor	14,013
3	Business Administrator	12,900
4	Lead Adult Care Worker	10,182
5	Operations or Departmental Manager	9,770
6	Accountancy or Taxation Professional	9,547
7	Adult Care Worker	7,460
8	Installation and Maintenance Electrician	7,418
9	Early Years Practitioner	6,778
10	Senior Leader	6,105
11	Engineering Technician	6,033
12	Data Analyst	5,376
13	Children, Young People and Families Practitioner	4,709
14	Hairdressing Professional	4,631
15	Customer Service Practitioner	4,567
16	Carpentry and Joinery	4,551
17	Police Constable (Integrated Degree)	4,524
18	Nursing Associate (NMC 2018)	4,524
19	Data Technician	4,306
20	Teaching Assistant	3,974



Myth Busting



Myth 1: Apprenticeships are for people who don't do well at school

This isn't true - apprenticeships are an alternative route into skilled employment.

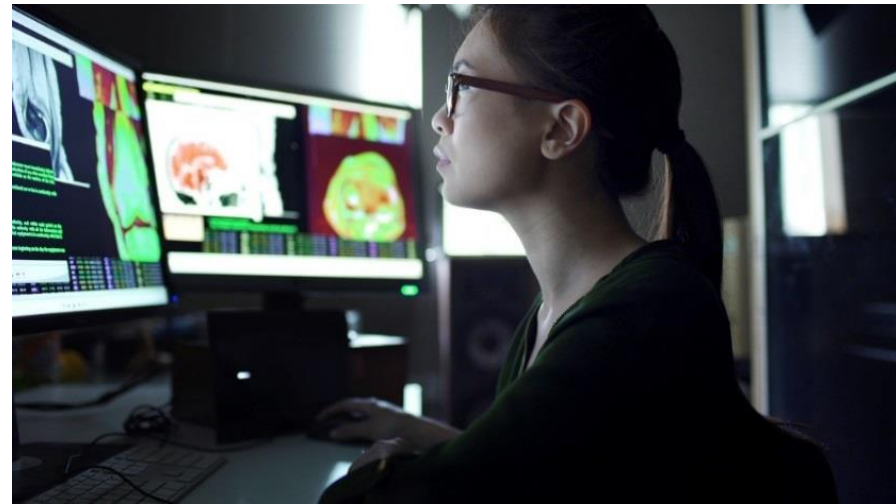
Gaining a higher or degree apprenticeship relies upon students having a good level of education. Although in some cases it is possible to start one without A levels, you will usually need a minimum of five GCSEs grades 9-4.

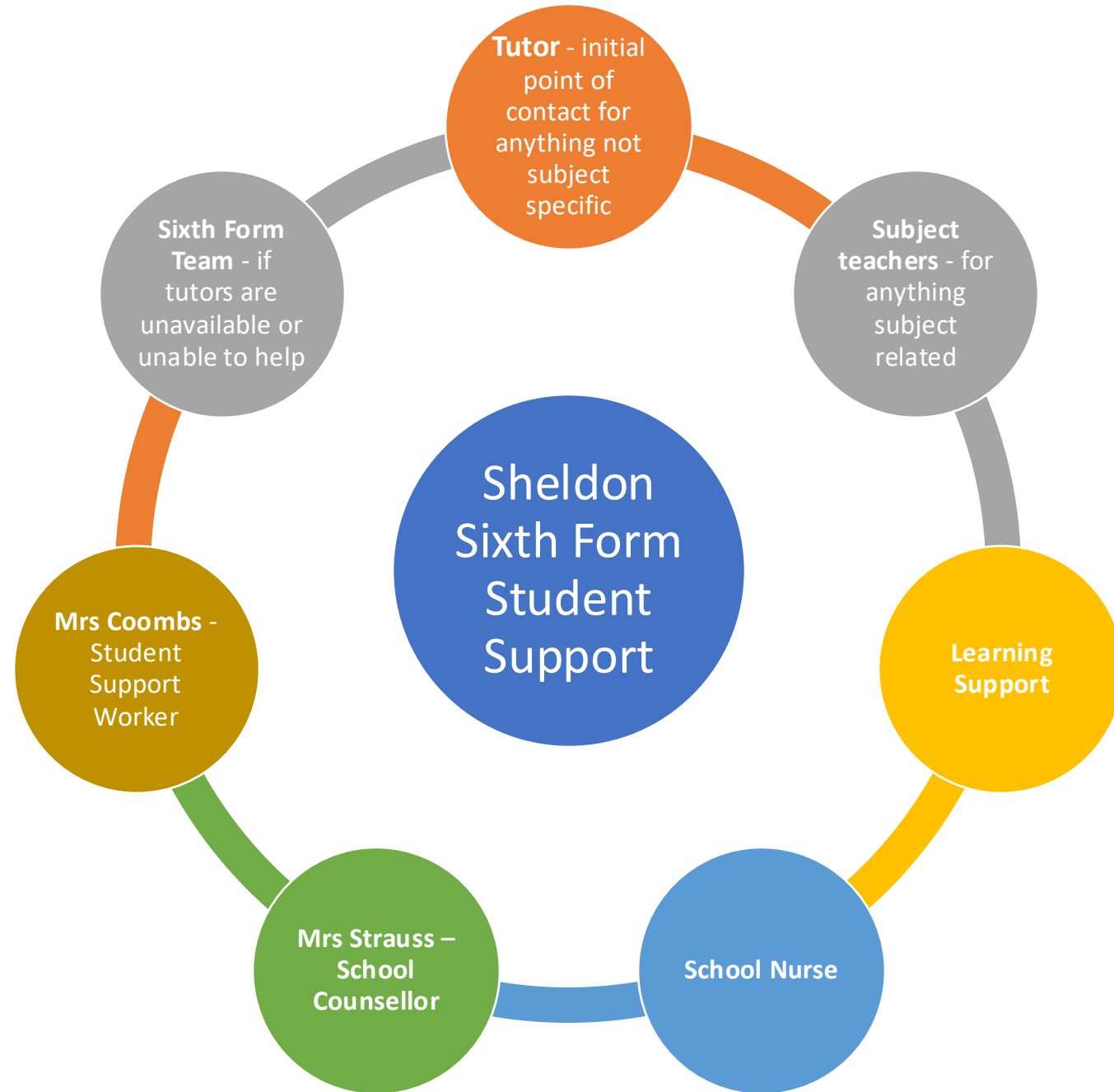


Myth 2: Apprenticeships are only available for manual work

While this might once have been true, apprenticeships are now available in over 1,500 occupations across 170 industries, ranging from nuclear power to fashion.

There are also apprenticeships in law, banking and defence.





Things that you can do to encourage down time and conversation.....

Take a walk. Sometimes taking 20 minutes is as simple as taking a walk, whether it's through nearby countryside, to the shops or around the block with the family dog.

Go for a drive. Car journeys are a great opportunity for 20 minutes with your child. Encourage them to leave their phone for a while, turn down the radio and strike up a conversation.

Ready, set... bake. Baking is a great way to have fun together.

Create something together, fix the car together.

Things that you can do to encourage down time and conversation

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Reassure them that they can talk to you at any time. You could say things like:

You can talk to me, I'm here for you.

If you need to talk to someone else, that's okay too.

If you talk to me about what is worrying you, I can do my best to help.

Even if I don't understand, know that I want to.

We're going to get through this together.

You could also see whether other forms of communication like writing a letter or texting would make it easier for your child to let you know what's going on.

Remember that you know your child. You can tell when it isn't the right time or they aren't in the mood to talk.

The Unifrog tools

Exploring pathways

Careers library

Subjects library

Know-how library

MOOC

Searching for opportunities

UK universities

US universities

European universities

Oxbridge

Apprenticeships

College/ Sixth Form

Canadian universities

Asian universities

Special Opportunities

Recording what you've done

Activities

Competencies

Interactions

Drafting application materials

Personal Statement

CV / Resumé

Teacher References

Common App Essay

Making applications

Post 16/18 Intentions

Locker

Applications list

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