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WELCOME

Welcome to our February issue of the Inspire North of Tyne newsletter! As National Apprenticeship week took place this month, this issue is going to focus on all things apprenticeships!

The region is home to some amazing colleges and universities that all offer a great range of apprenticeships, ranging from level 2 right through to degree apprenticeships. There is definitely something for everyone! These courses are designed to help you gain knowledge, advance your skills and get you started on the career ladder straight after leaving school.



WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

An apprenticeship is an alternative educational route into a career and doesn't involve going to college or university full time. In an apprenticeship, you'll work and train in a paid role with a company in industry and study at college or university part-time - usually one day a week. This means you get to earn a qualification (for free) whilst earning a salary!

There are different levels of apprenticeships that range from GCSE equivalent right through to masters degree equivalence. Each level will give you more advanced skills and knowledge that help you progress your career. Most apprentices become fully qualified in 1 - 4 years, depending on the level.

HOW DO I APPLY?

You should research the types of apprenticeships available and at what level, and see which ones suit you and your career ambitions most. Once you've done that, you'll need to write a CV and cover letter outlining any relevant experience (summer jobs, school projects etc), your school grades, any skills you have, and other things about you that employers might like to know. Also include your hobbies and interests - these are important to mention because they showcase vital skills lots of employers look for in new employees!

Once you've prepared this, you're ready to apply. You can apply on a company website directly, or through the government website linked below.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

NEW APP

To help students access all of our STEM careers resources, we've created our very own INSPIRE NORTH OF TYNE APP! It contains lots of useful information regarding career possibilities, sectors within the region, our monthly newsletters and also some activities for you to complete. This is a free app and it's available on both Apple and Android devices. Why not give it a go and let us know your thoughts?!



WHAT SECTORS?

You can access so many sectors via an apprenticeship route, but below are listed some industries that are thriving in the region - these sectors are never short of apprenticeship opportunities!

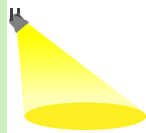
- Manufacturing
- Pharmaceutical
- Construction
- Oil and Gas
- Renewable Energy
- Digital Technology
- Finance
- Media
- Health, public services, and care

EVENT HIGHLIGHT

Newcastle College has a virtual open day on the 3rd of March, where you can find out more about all its courses, including its apprenticeships!

SKILL OF THE MONTH

COMMUNICATION – having this skill enables you to convey your thoughts and ideas to other people. It also helps you be a great team player!



CAREER HIGHLIGHT

In each newsletter we will highlight a job opportunity typically available in our region and within one or more sectors. This month's career highlight is...

APPRENTICE WEB OPERATIONS

An apprentice in the digital marketing team. Working closely with the Web Operations Manager, you'll assist with the governance and management of websites.

What do I need to work in a role like this?

- Attention to detail and accuracy
- Highly organisation skills
- Self motivation
- Ability to work to deadlines
- Computer literacy
- 5 GCSE's at grade A-C, including Maths and English (or equivalent)

You should ideally possess a good understanding of digital marketing.

This a perfect job for someone looking to get started in the tech industry!

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS!](#)



DID YOU KNOW...

APPRENTICESHIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT LEVELS 2 TO 7...THAT'S GCSE TO MASTERS LEVEL EQUIVALENT!

