# IT AND DIGITAL APPRENTICESHIPS WITH THE ATP

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#### WHO ARE WE?

## THE APPRENTICE and TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

We are the Apprentice and Training Partnership, an apprenticeship training provider delivering Tech/Digital apprenticeships only. See the programmes we deliver on the following pages.

We live and breathe tech and recognise the value in specialisation.

We have apprentices with the largest employer in England (the NHS), and the 7th largest globally (GSK), to the smallest employers in England with just the owner and an apprentice.

Tech students love learning through tech, so all of our training is done remotely in sophisticated live virtual classrooms, still allowing for a collaborative and exciting environment. This is something we have been doing since our inception in 2017.

Our team of industry originated trainers and mentors develop and improve curriculums according to ongoing tech development and employer needs.

Our mission is to deliver world class vocational tech education for our world class tech sector.

#### **APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH US**

Apprenticeship opportunities with us can be found on our website, or by searching for a role on the Government's Find an Apprenticeship service. Follow links below:

- Vacancy List | The Apprentice and Training Partnership (theatp.co.uk)
- Find an apprenticeship GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

#### WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

An apprenticeship is a real job where you learn, gain experience and get paid, alongside completing an educational programme. By the end of an apprenticeship, you'll have the right skills and knowledge needed for your chosen career.

You will engage in 'off-the-job training' which is training delivered by the training provider during your normal working hours. This training will teach you the knowledge, skills and behaviours set out in the apprenticeship standard so you can competently perform the job role.

It can take between one and 6 years to complete an apprenticeship depending on which one you choose, what level it is and your previous experience.

After completing your GCSEs, you will likely be applying for a level 3 apprenticeship which is equivalent to 2 A-Levels. A level 4 apprenticeship is equivalent to the first year of a degree.

### **PROS OF CHOOSING AN APPRENTICESHIP**

- Real experience in the job or sector you want to go into (on-the-job training)
- What you learn in your training sessions (off-the-job training) can be put straight into practice
- Apprenticeship programmes have been designed in collaboration with employers, meaning they evolve with the demands of industries
- Receive support from the employer and your trainer/mentor
- Earn a wage while you learn

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- Gain industry recognised qualifications
- Become more employable with real experience
- Choose from a huge range of programmes
- Anyone from the age of 16 who is eligible to work in the UK can apply for an apprenticeship

## WHAT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMMES DO WE OFFER AT THE ATP?

Level 3 Information Communication Technician

**Level 3 IT Solutions Technician** 

**Level 3 Digital Support Technician** 

Level 3 Data Technician

**Level 3 Cyber Security Technician** 

Level 3 Software Development Technician

Upon completion on a level 3 (advanced) apprenticeship, you will be qualified to work as a full-time employee in the respective job role, or you can apply for a level 4/5 (higher) apprenticeship.

**Level 4 Network Engineer** 

**Level 4 Business Analyst** 

**Level 4 Applications Support Lead** 

Level 4 Data Analyst

Level 4 Cyber Security Technologist

**Level 4 Software Developer** 

Level 7 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Data Specialist

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Upon completion on a level 4 apprenticeship, you will be qualified to work as a full-time employee in the respective job role, or you can apply for a degree apprenticeship.

Equivalent to a master's degree, suitable for those who already have a degree level qualification. Apply for an apprenticeship through the Find an Apprenticeship Service on the Government website:

- 1. Go to gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- 2. Create an account
- 3. Search for an apprenticeship using key words, your postcode, and the level apprenticeship you're looking for. Level 3 is the best level if you've just completed your GCSEs.
- 4. Read the job description to ensure it's the right job for you. There will be some information about the apprenticeship training and future prospects upon completion of the programme. Make sure the commute and salary is suitable, and click 'Apply'.

Tip: Show your interest in your chosen area by talking about what you did at school which relates to the subject, and anything you've done in your own time too!







#### **APPRENTICE CASE STUDY**

#### Harry Smith - Level 3 Information Communications Technician at Saffron Academy

# Can you tell us a bit about who you work for and what you do in your role?

"I work for Saffron Academy Trust which is a trust of schools within Essex, in the IT department of one of the schools.



There is a team of 4 of us supporting over 50 staff and nearly 1000 pupils in my school, but all IT departments across Saffron Academy Trust support each other as different schools tend to have different specialities."

"On a day-to-day basis I respond to staff queries which tend to relate to computers, projectors and printers, I clean the filters of IT equipment due to the amount it's used, and I repair and replace pieces of equipment.

Something more complex I've been trusted to do, is to completely re-structure a room in terms of its technology which I've done a couple of times now. I've been repairing ethernet cables, relaying cables, making sure they are protected and moving furniture to more suitable locations to fit this."

#### What made you want to do an apprenticeship?

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"I wanted to do an apprenticeship because I knew I'd have the chance to learn things I hadn't before, while being able to develop in an IT support job role.

When I seen the training plan for the year, I was really excited about some of the topics we'd be learning about, one of my co-workers was even a bit jealous about what I was going to be learning! I can take what I learn in weekly sessions and apply it to my work, in just 5 months I have so much more knowledge which makes tasks easier."

# How do you feel you've progressed during your role/apprenticeship since you started?

"When I started my role I was doing small tasks, I couldn't leave my colleagues side in the first week, and now I'm trusted to take on tasks and entire projects alone.

Even if I was to gain nothing else from this apprenticeship, I can say my confidence has grown massively. Before, I couldn't hold a conversation with someone, but now I can have conversations which last an hour plus!

I don't know everything, and I have a lot to learn still but I'm more comfortable with asking questions and telling a staff member 'I'm not sure about this one, let me ask my colleague'."

#### What would you say to others considering an apprenticeship?

"I would say hands down go for an apprenticeship, especially if you're unsure between that and uni. In IT I think getting that hands-on experience is a must, employers will be really impressed if you already have experience in the workplace. In a job like mine, I'm learning so much by doing things and relating it back to my training with the ATP."

#### How has your training been with the ATP?

"I really love the way we come together as a community at the ATP, there's been times when I can't wait to get to my session with my trainer and the other apprentices, to ask questions about things which have come up throughout the week at work.

I'm pulling knowledge from so many different people in my sessions, it's amazing. The trainers feel like people and less like teachers, they're so approachable. I get along with them, I can ask them questions and they genuinely want to help me and understand what I'm struggling with. It's such a comfortable place to be, I have received so much from everyone here and I feel I'm being nurtured to grow, not just within my training, but also as a person.

I couldn't recommend it enough to anyone."

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