

21st Century apprenticeships: **The parents' guide**

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Thursday 24 March

Fratton Park, 3.30-7pm

Come and find out about all things apprenticeships!

A free information event for parents who want to know more about how apprenticeships can benefit young people, occupational areas, funding available and progression.

Come along and speak to local colleges and training providers about the options.



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For more information about the event, visit alphi.org.uk/toolkit

Why should I choose an apprenticeship?

There are lots of benefits in doing an apprenticeship. Young people can earn while they learn, and in a way that suits them best – through hands-on experience on the job, at the same time as gaining valued vocational and technical qualifications.

Earnings

Research shows that apprentices earn, on average, over £100,000 more throughout their lifetime than other employees. Learning doesn't have to stop at the Advanced Apprenticeship; if they want to go on to higher education they will find many colleges and universities who will value their skills and knowledge.

Apprentices earn a minimum of £2.50 per hour initially, but average take home pay is £170 a week.

Prospects and choice of industries

Apprenticeships can be demanding but they are very rewarding because they train in the skills employers want, they give young people a choice in their career. There are now apprenticeships in over 190 types of work, covering a range of skills and qualification levels.

The right one will depend on individual interests, experience and the opportunities available in the area.

You can find out more

- Contact a Connexions Youth Adviser in school or at college
- Call a Go For it centre.
City centre: 023 9273 2450 (9.30am to 4.30pm)
Cosham: 023 9228 8760 (1pm to 4.30pm)
- Online at the national website www.apprenticeships.org.uk
- Local support on www.mfip.co.uk and course availability and information on www.myfutureinportsmouth.com