

Please see important information below for any students who have already applied, or are considering submitting an application, for an apprenticeship.

- The apprenticeship route is a great alternative to full-time education, allowing you to kick-start your career and gain valuable work experience alongside gaining a qualification.
- Apprentices spend four days a week at work as an employee and one day a week at college to further develop learning and skills.
- In order to secure an apprenticeship, you must be able to find an employer.
- On occasions, an employment offer can fall through prior to the start of training and this will mean that your apprenticeship can't take place. **For this reason, it is always advisable to apply for a full time college course as well as your apprenticeship as a back-up. When completing your application, select 'both' for course choice.** There is no obligation whatsoever to take up this full time course but, by submitting a dual application, you will have the security of a full-time course if you should need it
- **If you have already applied for an apprenticeship only with Exeter College, then you can log back into your account and alter your application to a dual application.**
- **If you have applied for an apprenticeship elsewhere, it is advisable to also submit an application to Exeter College (and/or any other colleges or 6th forms) for a full time course as a back up.**
- **Remember, you are under no obligation to take up a full time course, even after interview and offer of a place. If your apprenticeship goes ahead, then you will simply need to inform college in September that you no longer require the place.**

Contact Mrs Taylor at JTaylor@iscaexeter.co.uk for more advice on the above.

Further information about apprenticeships and training can be found at the following:

- Exeter College. Email: morvenmaclean@exe-coll.ac.uk or apprentices@exe-coll.ac.uk or search <https://exe-coll.ac.uk/apprenticeships/>
- Bicton College. Email: apprenticeships@bicton.ac.uk or search www.bicton.ac.uk/apprenticeships/
- PGL / Careers4U. www.pgltraining.com
- HIT (Hospitality Industry Training). www.hittraining.co.uk
- JTL (Plumbing and Heating). www.itltraining.com
- The Focus Training Group (Electrical and Forestry). www.thefocustraininggroup.com
- Puffins Nursery (Childcare). www.puffinsofexeter.co.uk
- CITB (Construction). www.citb.co.uk

For more information about apprenticeships in general search:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/> or email: nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

Forthcoming Event: South West Virtual Apprenticeship Expo - 11th Feb 2-6pm

Are you ready you to kick-start your career via an Apprenticeship route? The South West Virtual Apprenticeship Expo is the biggest Apprenticeship and careers event to take place in the South West annually during National Apprenticeship week and this year is no exception.

This is the perfect opportunity for you to meet with high profile employers with LIVE vacancies and find out more about Apprenticeships across different industry sectors.

Apprenticeships are available in a wide variety of sectors, at a range of levels – and open to anyone over the age of 16.

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With over 30 employers exhibiting ...and counting, this virtual event gives you the chance to engage with real Apprenticeship employers and current apprentices to discover the benefits of earning and learning through an Apprenticeship.

On the day, you will have access to an exciting range of unique activities to ensure you get the most out of the virtual experience:

- THREE Keynote talks from leading industry experts, including a comprehensive introduction to 'What is an Apprenticeship'
- Job Finding sessions with a live Q&A on everything you need to know to begin your Apprenticeship journey
- Sector specific showcases - dedicated sessions on the areas you are interested in from industry influencers
- MULTIPLE Apprentice stories - hear from young people that were making these same choices last year
- Over 30 Expo Stands from employers with LIVE vacancies
- Advice Zone with impartial Apprenticeship advisors
- Information on Higher Apprenticeships and how these could be a great alternative to university

Join us online for the school's session from 2 - 4pm, or the second session from 4 -

6pm. Bring parents, friends or classmates - register now: <https://hopin.com/events/south-west-apprenticeship-expo>