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Progression from Apprenticeships

Information for the Parents & Carers of Apprentices

Higher Level Learning

Options Available

Higher level learning comes in many shapes and sizes. Most work based learners study on part time courses.

See the examples below of typical courses that Advanced Apprentices can progress onto. www.apprentice-forward.org.uk/CourseSearch/

NVQ Level 4

Next step after Level 3 NVQ which often forms part of the Advanced Apprenticeship. Often completed by Advanced Apprentices after further work experience as they can be centred on management competencies.

Foundation Degree

Often well suited to Advanced Apprentices wishing to progress as they are typically delivered part-time. They are often developed with employers and are designed for employers and work-based learners. You can “top up” to a Bachelors degree with further part-time study. www.findfoundationdegree.co.uk

Professional Qualification

More common in certain sectors such as insurance, legal, admin and can lead to the membership of a professional institute.

Higher National Certificate/Diploma

A traditional part-time progression route often chosen by Advanced Apprentices. They allow progression to a Bachelors degree with part-time study.

Did You Know?

That an Advanced Apprenticeship is a great way to prepare learners for higher level learning! We hope that this leaflet will help you to understand how important it is to support your young person if they wish to progress to higher level learning.

There are many different courses that could enable them to develop the higher level knowledge and skills that they will need if they want to progress in the workplace and in their career. Did you know that?

- ❖ Once they have completed an Advanced Apprenticeship, it is possible to study for an NVQ Level 4, a professional qualification, a foundation degree, a HNC/HND or a degree!
- ❖ They can study part-time or full-time, but most apprentices prefer to study part-time on a course that is vocational or work related.
- ❖ Advanced Apprentices need to find the right kind of higher level course that suits their practical learning style - this normally means a work based or vocationally oriented course.
- ❖ According to the Government: “Apprenticeships will play a pivotal role in the nation’s plans for growing the economy” (1).

Improving Employability!

- ❖ Apprentices are generally more desirable to employers because they are “work ready” with up to date knowledge and skills!
- ❖ With a higher level qualification they can go one step further and offer their employer higher level skills and knowledge - all directly relevant to their business!
- ❖ Apprentices who go on to get a higher education qualification like a degree are 50% less likely to be unemployed.
- ❖ Higher level study can help them to develop the range of skills that employers want: planning, organisation, team building and management.

Celebrating Progression!

Recent research has identified some really positive characteristics of Advanced Apprentices who progress onto higher level learning. They:

- ❖ Are highly motivated and mature in their outlook generally.

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- ❖ Are career oriented and are loyal to their employers.
- ❖ They are very practical in their approach; they like to get the job done! They tend to learn in an active and practical way - known as kinesthetic learning!
- ❖ Highly value the investment their employer makes in their education and training (2).

Transforming Careers and Lives!

- ❖ On average, someone with a higher level qualification (Level 4 and above), will earn £200 per week more than someone with a Level 3 qualification - over a lifetime that could amount to in excess of £320,000!
- ❖ Studying for a higher level qualification means they’ll meet some really interesting people from all walks of life, sharing experiences and stories, creating new opportunities and contacts!
- ❖ They’ll make great friends, share experiences and learn important skills that will stay with them for the rest of their life and career.

Progression Support and Resources

Higher Level Learning in the Humber

The education providers below offer both part-time and full-time courses. Visit their websites or call them for further details and for info on how to apply.

WBL Training Providers
01482 641000

East Riding College
08451 200037

Grimsby Institute of
Further & Higher
Education
01472 315002

Hull College
01482 329943

North Lindsey College
01724 281111

University of Hull
01482 466100

University of Lincoln
01522 882000

The Open University
0845 300 60 90

Other Useful Websites
www.hotcourses.com

www.unistats.com

www.aimhigher.ac.uk

www.ucas.ac.uk

NextStep Humber
<http://80.4.178.145/>

www.connexions-humber.co.uk/

References

- (1) - "World Class Apprenticeships: Unlocking Talent, Building Skills for All", DIUS, 2008.
- (2) "Apprenticeship Progression to Higher Education", UVAC for *fdf*, July 2008.

Careers Advice & Planning

There are many sources of help and advice available on planning their career. They could speak to their current Apprenticeship Provider about their options. They also have access to local careers advice organisations:

- ❖ Connexions Humber - if they are 19 and under they can get confidential advice and information from a Personal Advisor in the area.
- ❖ NextStep Humber - if they are aged 20 and over they can contact one of the many NextStep delivery centres providing careers and higher education progression advice.
- ❖ Download the Careers Advice & Planning Factsheet from the Aimhigher website below.



Free Project Activities & Support!

Our project is offering a range of free activities to support Advanced Apprentices to progress onto higher level learning. Sessions are currently being run and it is likely that more sessions will be offered in the future.

Preparation for Higher Education Course

The course is designed to provide learners with the study skills and confidence to progress onto Level 4 learning and above, including higher education, NVQ Level 4 or professional qualifications. There are six fortnightly sessions lasting three hours each and are run across teatime - 5.30pm to 8.30pm. At the end learners get a University of Hull Foundation Award. Sessions are being delivered by the Centre for Lifelong Learning at the University of Hull. Friendly and supportive environment!

Higher Level Learning - What is it?

A short, two hour teatime session to provide learners with information about different types of higher level courses, places to study, financial info, career and progression opportunities and more. Sessions are being held at locations to suit the needs of Advanced Apprentices who are interested.

Other Activities May Also be Offered!!

These may include: email-mentoring, campus visits to colleges/universities in the region, taster sessions in specific subject areas. Ring the contacts opposite for details.

For Further Dates and Availability

Of any of the above sessions, contact the Consortium for Learning on 01482 641000 or get in touch with one of the Project Contacts listed opposite or visit the website below.

Aimhigher Website Resources Page is at:

Download this leaflet & all other documents referred to in this leaflet at the following website:

www.aimhigherhumber.org/resources-dets.php?id=65&cat=30

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Financial Advice & Support

It is possible to qualify for grants to pay for all or part of the course fees and related costs, depending on the learner's or their family's income.

You can get further information on what is available from Elaine Warrener, the Aimhigher Student Finance Consultant on - elaine.warrener@wyke.ac.uk

You could also download the Aimhigher Higher Education Funding Guide 2009-2010.

For some general sources of information on student finance, check out the Government's student finance website.

Download a List of Useful Student Finance Links from the Aimhigher website below.

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