

Vocational Routes

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Vocational Routes – What are they?

Vocational Routes are the different pathways you can take when you leave Woodlands Meed. These include:

- Further Education **Colleges** and **Training Providers** – various courses at different levels to suit your interests and ability
- **Apprenticeships** – get paid to work and study at the same time
- **Traineeships** – to get you ready for an Apprenticeship or for work
- **Supported Internships** – if you need support over a longer period of time than a Traineeship/Apprenticeship offers
- **Employment** – go straight into a job if you are ready

Further Education Colleges

- ▶ Your local further education colleges will offer a variety of opportunities for your future learning and these typically include:
 - ▶ Foundation Learning
 - ▶ Supported Internships (may be available)
 - ▶ Level 1 Courses
 - ▶ Level 2 Courses

You may start on a Foundation level course and progress on to higher level courses or choose to specialise in a specific area

Apprenticeships – An Introduction

- ▶ An Apprenticeship is a real **paid** job with training
- ▶ Anyone aged 16 years and over can do an Apprenticeship
- ▶ You will receive practical training by working in a real job at the same time as studying
- ▶ You will work alongside experienced staff and gain the necessary skills for work
- ▶ You will study for a qualification and earn a wage
- ▶ Apprenticeships are available for a wide range of job roles across many different industries
- ▶ Apprenticeships are available at different levels and last between 1 and 6 years

Entry Criteria

- ▶ Employers usually decide what qualifications, skills and experience you need to do an apprenticeship with them – this will vary from job to job
- ▶ Apprenticeships commonly ask for GCSE grades A* - C in English and Maths but sometimes they will accept someone working towards these or an equivalent level 2 qualification
- ▶ ***Apprentices with an EHCP can now apply for an adjustment to the minimum standards of English and Maths required to Entry Level 3***

How Do I Apply For An Apprenticeship?

- ▶ You can search and apply for an apprenticeship in your area on the government website:
www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch
- ▶ Your local further education college website will give you information on apprenticeships
- ▶ Speak to your Careers Adviser at your My Future Starts Here Careers Guidance Interview about apprenticeships

Traineeships – An Introduction

- ▶ A Traineeship is a course that includes a work placement
- ▶ It can last from 6 weeks to 6 months
- ▶ Traineeships help 16 – 25 year olds with an EHCP (16 – 24 year olds without)
- ▶ They help to prepare you for an apprenticeship or a job
- ▶ You will get training to prepare you for work including CV writing from the training provider
- ▶ You will get support to improve your English and Maths from the training provider
- ▶ You will get a high quality work placement of at least 100 hours from the employer
- ▶ You will get an interview for an apprenticeship or a job if available, or an exit interview and written feedback from the employer

Traineeships – An Introduction

- ▶ Programmes can be tailored to meet your needs or those of the business and local labour market
- ▶ A traineeship is not a job and employers are not required to pay you
- ▶ You may get expenses for travel and meals from your employer
- ▶ You may get financial support for travel or a disability from your training provider
- ▶ You may get support from your local Job Centre Plus if you are eligible for work benefits

Traineeships – How Do I Apply?

- ▶ You can find a traineeship by:
 - ▶ Searching: www.gov.uk/find-traineeship
 - ▶ Asking your local college or training provider if they have any opportunities
 - ▶ Speaking to your careers adviser at your My Future Starts Here careers guidance interview
 - ▶ Speaking to your Job Centre Plus adviser if you're in receipt of benefits
 - ▶ Calling 08000 150 400 for more information on Traineeships

Supported Internships – An Introduction

- ▶ A supported internship is a type of study programme that is aimed at young people aged 16-24 who have an EHCP
- ▶ It is for those who want to move into employment and need extra support to do so
- ▶ They have been created to enable young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities to achieve sustainable, paid employment
- ▶ They are designed to give you the skills you need for work through learning in the workplace
- ▶ Internships usually last for a year and include unpaid work placements of at least 6 months
- ▶ They support you to move into paid employment at the end of the programme wherever possible

Supported Internships – An Introduction

- ▶ Students complete a personalised study programme which includes the chance to study for relevant qualifications and English and Maths
- ▶ Although a supported internship is similar to a Traineeship or Apprenticeship, young people on Supported Internships are expected to require a higher level of support than a trainee or an apprentice
- ▶ They will be offered workplace support in the form of a job coach as well as support for their non-workplace learning
- ▶ They are expected to need longer than a trainee before they are ready to progress onto an Apprenticeship or sustainable employment
- ▶ Look at your local further education colleges to see if they can offer a Supported Internship

Access to Work

- ▶ Access to Work is a government run scheme by JobCentre Plus
- ▶ It can help by paying towards; communication support at interviews, special equipment to support your needs, support worker or job coach to help you in your workplace, additional costs of taxi fares if you cannot use public transport, disability awareness training for your work colleagues
- ▶ Access to Work can cover all of the agreed costs for anyone starting an apprenticeship, traineeship or supported internship
- ▶ Your college or training provider should be able to help co-ordinate your Access to Work support
- ▶ To get help from Access to Work you can apply online and then an Access to Work adviser will contact you and your employer to find out what support is needed:
- ▶ www.gov.uk/access-to-work/apply

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Learning from Careers and Labour Market Information

EVERY PUPIL, AND THEIR
PARENTS/CARERS, SHOULD
HAVE ACCESS TO GOOD-
QUALITY INFORMATION ABOUT
FUTURE STUDY OPTIONS AND
LABOUR MARKET
OPPORTUNITIES. THEY WILL NEED
THE SUPPORT TO MAKE BEST USE
OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION

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