



THE NATIONAL SCHOOL & COLLEGE LEAVER
FESTIVAL
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Student Pack



Post 16 Pathways

A-Levels

A 2-year course enables studying various subjects, preparing students with knowledge and skills for university.

Apprenticeships

You can earn qualifications, get paid, and develop skills with clear job prospects through a program offering 80% hands-on experience and 20% classroom learning.

Professional and Technical Qualifications

Qualifications designed to provide you with the knowledge, skills and behaviour needed to gain employment within specific industries or occupations

Traineeships

Aim of a traineeship is to train you within the company to allow you to develop the relevant skills for an apprenticeship or future employment

T - Levels

Gives you the chance to learn what a real career is like while continuing your studies. Includes a minimum of 45 days on an industry placement - this means 80% classroom learning and 20 % within the workplace



Post 18 Pathways

Higher Education

Continue to explore your future academically, either full-time, part time or by distance learning

Degree Apprenticeships

Allows you to gain a degree level qualification while earning a wage and gaining industry experience.

Higher Apprenticeship

Equivalent to a foundation degree at University, allows you to gain a qualification while working in the industry

Gap Year

Give yourself chance time to think, there's no need to rush into your future.

Full-time Employment

Already have the transferable skills required for a role, take the leap and go straight into full - time employment.

What is the The National School & College Leaver Festival?

NSCL Fest is a fully interactive, immersive and most importantly 'fun' two-day showcase held to inspire and inform our future talent and showcase the very best opportunities that Employers, College, Universities and other Training Providers have to offer.



What is an Apprenticeship?

An Apprenticeship allows you to learn and develop the skills necessary for a specific career, while also earning money

During an Apprenticeship, you work under the supervision of a mentor or trainer, who provides hands-on training and guidance. Apprentices also attend training days to learn the technical skills required for the role.

The different levels of Apprenticeships

LEVEL 2 - INTERMEDIATE

Equivalent to GCSE passes at grades A* - C (4-9 on the new system)

LEVEL 3 - ADVANCED

Equivalent to A level passes.

LEVEL 4 & 5 - HIGHER

Equivalent to a higher education certificate, higher education diploma or a foundation degree.

LEVEL 6 - DEGREE

Equivalent to a bachelor's degree

LEVEL 7 - MASTERS

Equivalent to a master's degree

'There are over **600** different Apprenticeship available in **18** different sectors'



**Agriculture,
Environmental &
Animal Care**



**Business &
Adminstration**



Construction



**Creative,
Media & The
Arts**



**Digital &
ICT**



Energy



**Engineering &
Electrical**



**Financial
Services**



**Hair &
Beauty**



**Health &
Wellbeing**



**Hospitality
& Travel**



**Manufacturing,
Processing &
Logistics**



Marine



**Public
Services**



**Science,
Research &
Development**

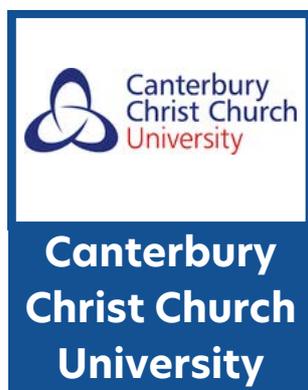
NSCL Fest Top Tip

Companies may offer a range of different Apprenticeships not just those specific to the job sector they are in. For example most companies will have a Marketing, HR, IT and Finance Department!



Apprenticeships not for you?

Check out one of our Universities & Colleges





Be the best version of yourself!

This is an incredible opportunity to make some exciting connections for your future, that not everyone gets

Making a great first impression can really influence our exhibitor's perception of you and open door to your future from just this visit. .

We have a few hints and tips to ensure you get the most out of the event:

- ✓ Dress appropriately - we're not saying wear a suit but be smart.
- ✓ Research any company and positions you're interested in before speaking with the exhibitors
- ✓ Demonstrate your interest by asking questions, engaging in conversation, and expressing enthusiasm for the opportunity

Your QR code ticket

Your teacher should have asked you to complete your own registration. If you haven't registered yet you can do so by scanning the QR code below.



Why is this important?

When you have a meaningful conversation with one of our exhibitors, they will ask to scan your unique QR code. This passes your information on to them; they can then follow up with you after the show.

Tip: Your QR code ticket is emailed to you, screenshot the QR code before your arrival in case you lose signal within the show.



NSCL Fest Task Sheet



DON'T FORGET TO HAVE A MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION

? What qualifications will I receive from this Apprenticeship?

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? Are you able to help me complete the application and prepare for interview?

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? Is it possible to do another higher level Apprenticeship after this one?

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? What GCSE's and grades do I need to get?

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? How much will I be paid? Will my salary increase each year?

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? Are there socialising opportunities and events?

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? What areas will be covered on this course?

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? Where would this course take me in the future?

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? Is there any industry placement opportunities on this course?

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? What time do I start and finish work?

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? What financial support is available?

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? What have other Apprentices/Students gone on to do once they have finished?

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? What should i wear to work?

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? What societies are there at the University?

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Don't forget you can visit the website before and after the event to view the Exhibitors, and click on their profiles to find out more about what they offer!

<https://nscifest.com/>

NSCL Fest Task Sheet

Exhibitors may ask you questions too. Here you can prepare some answers:

What are your future goals and aspirations?

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What would you consider your most significant accomplishment so far?

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Why do you think this is the right organisation for you?

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Why do you think this Apprenticeship/Courses is right for you?

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What are your transferable skills?

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Have you found out about these stands opportunities?

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What have you taken away from this event?

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How many Exhibitors did you meet?

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What was your favourite stand?

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Just some of our Exhibitors



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