



**BEAL SIXTHFORM**

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NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK – 9-15 FEBRUARY 2026



**Beacon Academy Trust**

A COMPELLING VISION FOR SUCCESS

# What's an apprenticeship?



APPRENTICESHIPS 



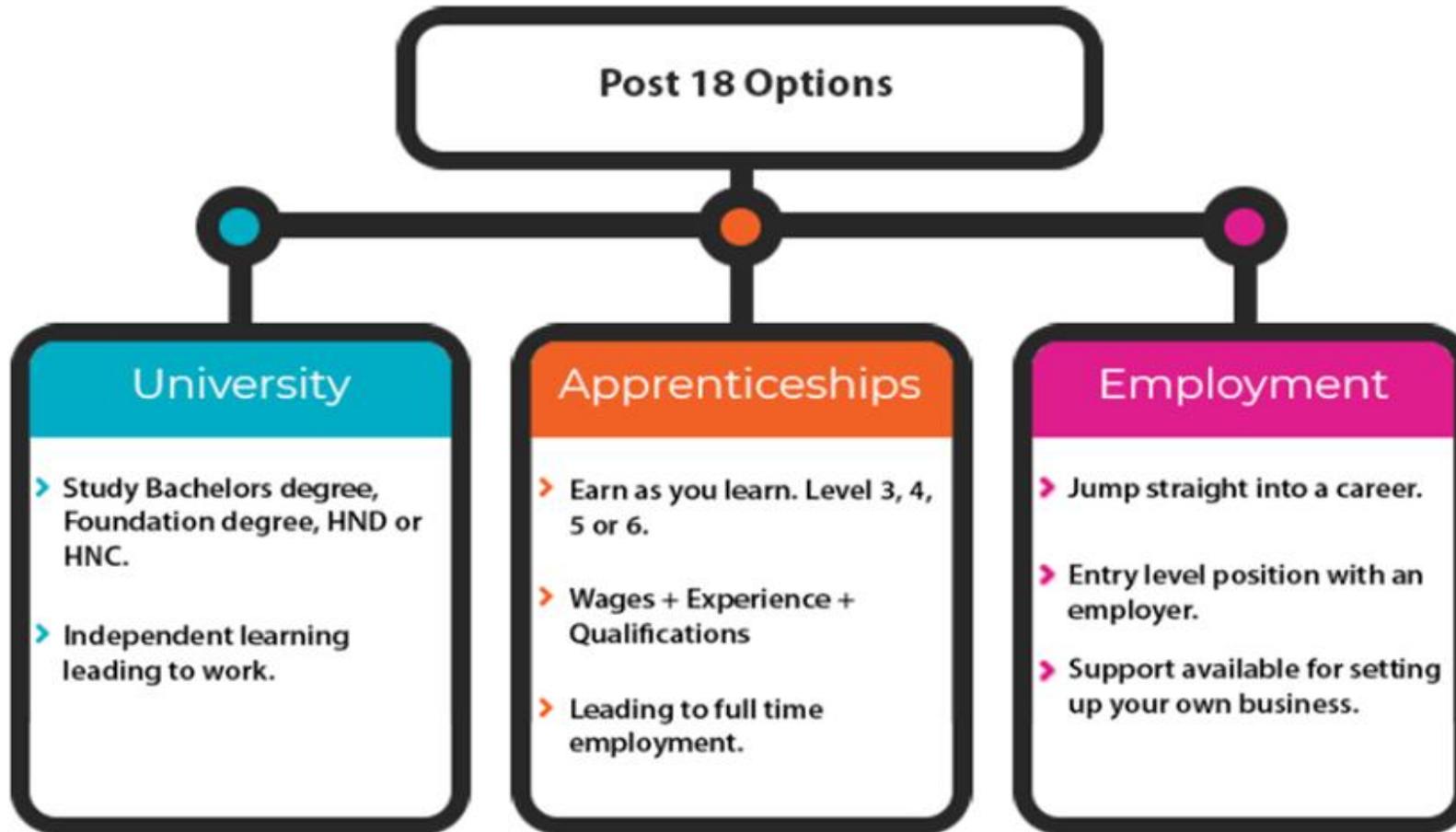
EARN WHILE  
**YOU**  
LEARN



# What types of apprenticeships are there?

		LEVEL			
UNIVERSITY	8	Doctorate PhD			
	7	Master's Degree MA, MSc, MPhil			Degree Apprenticeships
	6	Undergraduate Degree BA, BSc			
	5		Foundation degree FdA, FdSc	Higher National Diploma HND	Higher Apprenticeships
	4			Higher National Certificate HNC	
COLLEGE	3	AS / A2 / A level T Level	BTEC Nationals		Advanced Apprenticeships
SCHOOL	2	GCSE Grades 9-4	BTEC Firsts		Intermediate Apprenticeships
	1	GCSE Grades 3-1			

# What are your post-18 options?



# Apprenticeships 2024 & 2025

Over the past two years BSF students have received apprenticeship jobs with:

- KPMG
- Deloitte
- EY
- National Audit Office
- Shawbrook Bank
- Visa
- BDO
- Swift
- TFL

# Shawbrook Bank – Hibbah C (class of 2024)

In her A levels Hibbah achieved:

- A\*, A, A and B in Further Maths, Maths, Chemistry and Biology
- Shawbrook Bank came to the school offering apprenticeship opportunities
- Through interviews Hibbah showed that she was a 'rounded individual' ready for a work environment
- Hibbah decided to take 'only' a Level 4 apprenticeship offer on the understanding that once she was in an established, respected company she would continue to receive continuous training to strengthen her position in the job market



# Higher Degree Apprenticeship – Zain A

## Now working at Deloitte, as an Assistant Associate

### Audit and assurance, Energy, Resources and Industrials

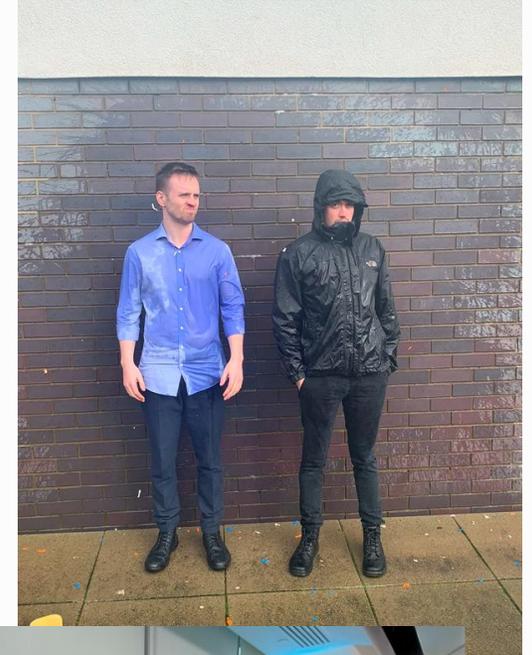
- BBC in A level Geography, Maths and Physics
- Applied for the Deloitte BrightStart Higher Apprenticeship Programme
- Through interviews showed that he was a 'rounded individual' ready for a work environment
- Now following a structured career path combining on-the-job experience with fully funded professional qualifications
- Needed to show through interviews not just strong academic progress but determination and creative thinking skills



# Who are KPMG?



# My Story



# Programme Timeline – Law

## Apprenticeship Programme



### Years 1 and 2

- Transition into life at KPMG and develop your professional skills and knowledge.
- Complete the Level 4 Paralegal qualification (you get a graduation for this!)



### Years 3 - 6

- Continue to develop through a range of learning opportunities and build your technical skills through Legal engagements.
- Work towards your LLB Degree and SQE qualification.



## Qualified Professional

Which ever route you take, you can now start working as a fully-qualified professional at Assistant Manager level (dependent on performance)

## Graduate Programme



### Years 1 - 3

- University study in any degree discipline.



### Years 4 - 8

- Choose specific area of the law + study for professional qualification + 2 years of qualifying experience



# Summary

## University

- 3 years debt (£27,750 approximately)
- Extra 2-3 years to get professional qualification (THIS COSTS **MORE** MONEY)!
- Applying for jobs.. Secure a grad job by 25-26.

## KPMG Level 7 Apprenticeship

- Start at 18 years old!
- Gain big four work experience.
- Earn a competitive salary
- Study towards professional qualification (KPMG **pays** for this)!



# Curious about the different roles at KPMG?



**Audit**



**Technology**



**Tax**



**KPMG  
Law**



**KPMG Business  
Services**



**Consulting**

# What we look for?

01

Career  
Motivation



02

Drive  
Quality



03

Demonstrate  
Integrity



04

Critical  
Thinker



05

Resilient  
Performer



06

Leverage  
Technology



07

Communicate  
Effectively



08

Foster  
Innovation



09

Credible  
Connector



10

Show  
Curiosity



11

Purposeful  
Collaborator



# Apprenticeship application process

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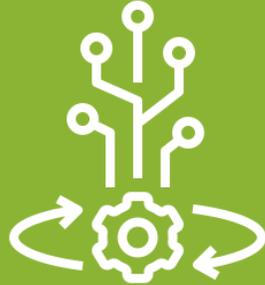
## Your application

Tell us about your academic background and work experience

30 minutes to complete



2



## Transforming Small Businesses

We will ask you to respond to hypothetical scenarios in this immersive assessment. You will need a calculator

90 minutes to complete



3



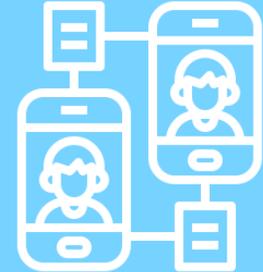
## Delivering Outcomes

Written and video assessment specific to the business area you have applied to

60 minutes to complete



4



## Launch Pad (KPMG Experience)

Learn more about us, meet our people and take part in virtual assessment activities

1 day to complete



# Top Tips!

## Tip #1

Apply early as possible.

## Tip #2

Allow sufficient time and give your full attention.

## Tip #3

Be yourself!

## Tip #4

Consider your strengths.

## Tip #5

Be **Specific**.

## Tip #6

Research our business.



# Where can you find more information?

**National Careers Service**  
Explore careers Skills assessment Find a course **Careers advice** Contact us

**BETA** How could we improve this service? Your [feedback](#) will help.

[Home](#) > [Careers advice](#) > Develop your soft skills

## Develop your soft skills

Soft skills are traits and behaviours needed for most jobs. Employers often look for them when recruiting.



Soft skills are sometimes called transferable skills or employability skills by employers. We gain soft skills in school, life and work.

Find out about some of the soft skills employers look for and how to develop these skills.

### Examples of soft skills

You often pick up soft skills though life experience, like how you:

- communicate and work with others
- make decisions
- organise yourself at work, school or college
- adapt to difficult situations

### Related content

- [Understand and develop your skills](#)
- [Volunteering advice](#)
- [Getting the most out of online learning](#)
- [How to write a CV](#)

### Speak to an adviser

You can call [0800 100 900](tel:0800100900) or [use](#)



# What is unifrog?

The complete destinations platform.

- Unifrog is a one-stop-shop where you can easily explore your interests, then find and successfully apply for your next best step after school.
- Unifrog will help you to explore your key interests and what career paths you can take to reach your goals!



**Quiz profile**

✖ 2 of 4 quizzes complete



**Skills**

✖ Completed all 12



**Exploring**

**Careers library**

✖ Careers favourited



**Interactions**

✖ Missing 6 Interaction types



**Academics**

✖ 1 Classes, 1 Predict missing



**Subjects library**

✖ Subjects favourited



**Materials**

**Know-how library**

✖ Guides favourited



**UK personal statement**

✖ Subject added



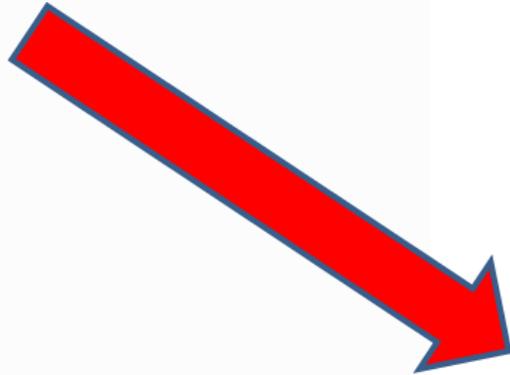
**Uni & Employer library**

✖ Profiles favourited



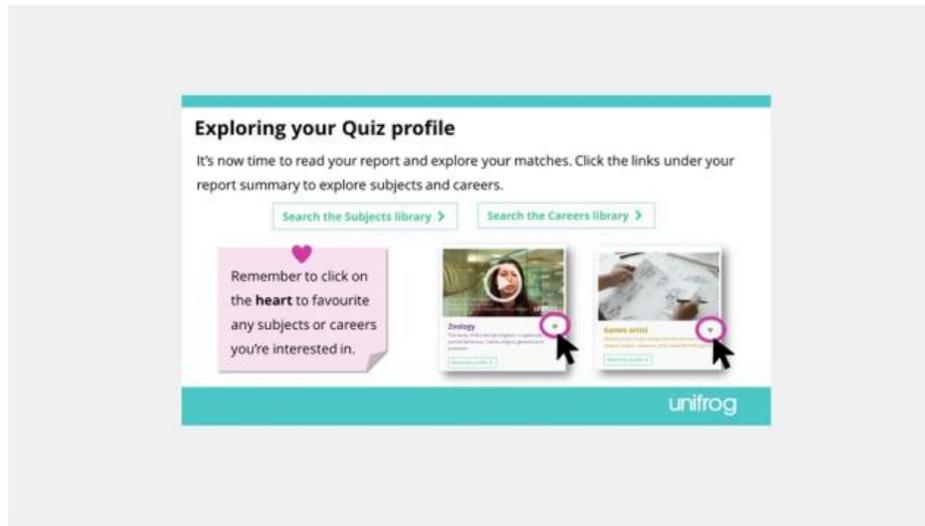
**Subject References**

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# Series: Psychometric Testing

A series is a set of teaching materials which share a theme and can be delivered consecutively.



This series brings together our psychometric testing resources. You can use these resources to administer all quizzes/tests and support students to reflect on their results and explore their career and subject matches.

[Save to Favourites?](#)

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## Using the Interests profile

Series: [Psychometric testing, Launching Unifrog with students - International schools](#)

Students will take the Interests quiz and then use their Interests profile to browse suitable careers and subjects.

**Summer**

Y13, Y12, Y11, Y10, Y9, Y8, Y7

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## Using the Personality profile

Series: [Psychometric testing, Launching Unifrog with students - International schools](#)

Students will take the Personality quiz and then use their Personality profile to browse suitable careers and subjects.

**Summer**

Y13, Y12, Y11, Y10, Y9, Y8, Y7

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## Using the Work environments profile

Series: [Psychometric testing](#)

Students will take the Work environments quiz and then use their Work environments profile to browse suitable careers.

**Summer**

Y13, Y12, Y11, Y10, Y9, Y8, Y7

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# Opportunities at BSF

- Mr. Luck, Head of Sixth Form at The Forest Academy will shortly be involved in preparing and submitting highly competitive applications for degree apprenticeships, across all levels and sectors. These sessions will focus on building understanding of and supporting students to prepare for the application process.
- There will be an opportunity for 20–25 students who:
- Have shown a long-held and realistic interest in securing a degree apprenticeship;
- Have the academic potential and commitment to be competitive in these pathways (on track for minimum CCC)

# The Beal Sixth Form Padlet

[Click here or scan the QR code below](#)

## BSF PADLET



The Sixth Form Padlet serves as a guide for all students focusing on:

- University Opportunities
- Apprenticeship Opportunities
- Personal development

Scan the QR code to find out more!



**BEAL SIXTH FORM**  
ONE SIXTH FORM - TWO SITES - THREE PATHWAYS

Padlet

Joanna Okosun + 3 • 9h



# BSF Padlet

The Sixth Form Padlet serves as a guide for all students, offering a wealth of resources to support your personal growth and career ambitions. From study tips to professional insights, it's your go-to hub for navigating success in and beyond sixth form.

## Personal development opportunities

Pinned

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Use this link to find work experience

finder.futuresforall.org

Future Finder - Futures For All

## University opportunities

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Sheffield university subject taster days

Whatuni? Student Choice Awards UNIVERSITY OF THE YEAR 2024 sheffield.ac.uk

Book your place on an online subject taster

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Canterbury Christ Church university

## Apprenticeship opportunities

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Apprenticeships Explained: Live with the Department for Education (SEEAN) School Assembly

pathwayctm.com

Apprenticeships Explained: Live with the Department for Education (SEEAN) School Assembly - Pathway CTM

Thur 12 Mar | 9.00 - 10:00

## Medicine, dentistry and veterinary sciences

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Medicine: Is It for Me?

career-compass.co.uk

Medicine: Is It for Me? | Career Compass

24th February - online webinar

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## Law and Politics opportunities

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Solicitor apprenticeship

nortonrosefulbright.com

Solicitor apprenticeship

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Clyde & Co

## STEM-finance account econon

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Summer Business



# Work Experience

- Work experience can be extremely difficult to get unless you or a family member 'knows someone'.
- However, the padlet may offer you the opportunity to gain actual work experience or virtual work experience

# Careers IAG

- 40-50 students are identified who are unsure about their post-18 progression
- Careers IAG appointments with Ms Bailey will be prebooked, starting from this week (Friday)
- Look out for an email from Mrs Butt with date/time/location