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Apprenticeships

For information on how to find an apprenticeship you can either search via local college apprenticeship vacancy pages, individual company vacancy pages, via the national [Find an Apprenticeship](#) website or via Unifrog.

During Y10 I feel it is a good idea to have a look at what type of apprenticeship are being advertised so that you can have a think about which ones you might be interested in applying for at the end of Y11. Please click on the below links for more information on some local apprenticeship vacancies that are currently being advertised



APPRENTICESHIPS – OPEN TO APPLICATIONS

Our intake for 2022 includes lots of new schemes, so please have a look through the below summary of what is on offer. The deadline for applications is 11th February 2022, please note that some schemes may close earlier if numbers of applications are high so, please check the relevant pages of our website regularly for details.

For further information about our schemes and to apply please follow this link:- [Careers \(renishaw.com\)](#) If you have any questions, please contact AGPCareers@renishaw.com

EARLY CAREERS VIRTUAL EVENT - 14TH DECEMBER

If you are interested in finding out more about our work experience and early careers opportunities, we are hosting a virtual event on the evening of December 14th (18.30 – 19.30). The event is designed to help guide all secondary school aged students and their parents/carers through some of the difficult career decisions they will be facing over the next few years. To find out more or book tickets visit: <https://renishaw-early-careers-2021.eventbrite.co.uk>

Renishaw Apprenticeship Schemes

We offer a large variety of apprenticeships across disciplines including engineering, software and business. These apprenticeships are based across our 4 Gloucestershire sites or our Miskin manufacturing site in South Wales. Our apprenticeships start at different levels, from Level 2 (GCSE equivalent) to Level 6, degree level apprenticeships.

Scheme	Provider	Level
Building Maintenance - New	Gloucestershire College	2
Engineering Technician	Gloucester Engineering Training	3
Manufacturing	Gloucester Engineering Training	3
Commercial	South Glous & Stroud College	3
Trainee Support Analyst	Gloucestershire College	3
Software Tester	Gloucestershire College	4
Embedded Electronic Engineer	Gloucestershire College & University of the West of England	6
Software Engineer	University of Exeter	6
Mechanical Engineer	University of the West of England	6
Manufacturing Engineer - New	Gloucestershire College & University of the West of England	6

KOHLER MIRA APPRENTICESHIPS – OPEN TO APPLICATIONS: - our apprentice open evenings will be held on **Wednesday 19th January 2022**.

Our Open Evening will run from 5-7pm and will be hosted out of our new Space 100 where you will have the opportunity to meet with our apprentices, both current and graduated as well as our apprentice managers. We hope this will provide you with an excellent insight into who we are as a business and learn about our apprenticeships on offer which include:

- **Engineering Apprenticeships**, available to students post-GCSE; and
- **Business Apprenticeships**, available to students post- A-Level

In order to book your place, you will need to email earlycareers@mirashowers.com after which we will send you a short booking form. Please can we ask that you register your attendance by 24th November 2021. Applications to our apprenticeships can be made online **from 1st December 2021** through to **Wednesday 9th February 2022**. To apply, visit www.mirashowers.co.uk/earlycareers.



Start your career today.
Choose an engineering apprenticeship at Kohler Mira.

Why join us?

- We're the **number 1 shower manufacturer in the UK**, with the benefits of being part of a global business – international partnerships, travel opportunities and cutting-edge technology.
- **Learn from an award-winning team** – rotating through our engineering functions to see what interests you, from Manufacturing to Product Design.
- **Debt-free learning** – earn qualifications over a 4-year programme, including a level 3 apprenticeship plus higher education opportunities.
- **Competitive salary and bonuses** – starting salary of £11,700 and an annual increase of up to £2,000, subject to performance. Bonus of £500 at the beginning and end of your first year.

Over the last 50 years our Apprenticeship programme has produced directors and industry-leading engineers. **Where could an Apprenticeship at Kohler Mira take you?**



Visit www.mirashowers.co.uk/earlycareers or email earlycareers@mirashowers.com

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- **Learn from an award-winning team** – rotating through a variety of departments to see what interests you, including Marketing and Supply Chain.
- **Debt-free learning** – earn a business related qualification through a Level 4 Apprenticeship programme.
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Apprenticeships – Open for Applications

Outlined in our job description is a summary of the recruitment process which includes the **mandatory requirement to submit a supporting statement with your application**. Please see below:

“Stage 1- Submit your application

Initial applications need to be submitted online via our application page. To apply, you will need:

1. CV
2. Supporting statement

Your supporting statement should be no more than 500 words (approx..1 side of A4) and should provide an original summary, created by you, of any relevant experiences or evidence that outlines why you are the right candidate for this apprenticeship.

A CV and supporting statement must be submitted for your application to be considered or progressed. “

We are receiving a high number of applications from candidates who meet the academic credentials for our apprenticeships, but who are not submitting a supporting statement. For fairness, we must ensure we are consistent in our recruitment processes and therefore are having to, regrettably, reject a number of applications which may possibly have otherwise been progressed had a supporting statement also been submitted.

If you have any further questions about any of the apprenticeships (listed, with links, below) we have available at GE Aviation, please do not hesitate to get in touch via Cheltenham.apprenticeships@ge.com

Apprenticeship	GE Point of contact	Entry Requirements
AMA Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship	Jodie Broady	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 GCSE (or equivalent) at grades C/4 or above
HBA Higher Business Apprenticeship	Jodie Broady	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 GCSE's (or equivalent), including Maths & English 3 A-levels, (or equivalent), grade C or above
FM Facilities, Electrical Apprenticeship	Lizzie Robins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 GCSE (or equivalent) at grades C/4 or above, including English and Maths
FE Facilities, Maintenance Apprenticeship	Lizzie Robins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 GCSE (or equivalent) at grades C/4 or above, including English and Maths
EDA Engineering Degree Apprenticeship	Tracie Gaston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 GCSE's (including Maths & English) 112 UCAS points, made up of either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 A-levels (BBC or above, (inc. B in Maths, 1 additional STEM subject) - B-TECH Engineering extended diploma (DMM, or above)

Apprentice Business Administrator - Cardiology

Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

The closing date is 21 December 2021

[Apply for this job](#)

Job summary

We wish to appoint an efficient and committed Apprentice Business Administrator to provide audio typing and administration support within the busy department of Cardiology at Gloucestershire Royal and Cheltenham General Hospital. We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated individual who fits with our ethos of continual improvement and delivery of the highest quality patient-centred care.

<https://beta.jobs.nhs.uk/candidate/jobadvert/C9318-21-2667> support within the busy department of Cardiology at Gloucestershire Royal and Cheltenham General Hospital.

Apprenticeship minimum wage increase

The Treasury has recently announced that the next increase in the minimum wage for apprentices will be 1 April 2022, with the rate going up from £4.30 to £4.81 an hour. The 51p increase equates to a 11.8 per cent rise, and is in line with a recommendation from the Low Pay Commission. This is the second raise in as many years, with the current rate of £4.30 only increased in 2021. An increase in the wage helps to ensure potential apprentices are kept interested and drawn to the scheme, and it may help more young people consider apprenticeships after finishing school.

You can search for apprenticeships via Unifrog

Apprenticeships

The screenshot shows a job listing for 'APP - AAT Apprentice - Intermediate Level' at 'Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust'. It includes sections for 'Key dates' (Application deadline: 20 May, Interview: 20 May), 'Qualification required' (English and maths at GCSE level), 'Skills and personal qualities required' (e.g., Attention for detail, Professional attitude), 'Quick facts' (e.g., Weekly wage: £4.30, Hours per week: 35, Location: Gloucestershire), 'Job description' (e.g., Audio typing, Data entry), and 'Employer description'.

- Students can find live apprenticeship vacancies
- Vacancies are updated daily
- Rank and filter opportunities by factors like distance from home, weekly wage and application deadlines
- Direct link to the 'apply' page
- Each apprenticeship vacancy includes practical information about the opportunity, employer and training
- Save unlimited shortlists to refer back to later

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We are extremely lucky in Gloucestershire to be served by a wide variety of colleges, all of which have different strengths and focuses. From Hartpury's Countryside Management course through to SGS's Sports Journalism BTEC, no matter what your passion there are Post-16 courses to aid you to get your dream job. Please click on the below college name to be taken to their website and below you will also find up-to-date information on their open-days and taster sessions.

Cirencester College – Are coming to Severn Vale School on **Thursday 6th January for a business breakfast – DT5 from 8.10-8.55** – Please arrive before 8.15. The focus of this is going to be on T-Levels. With a new Digital Skills Centre is due to open in February and work started on a new T-level building which will be opening in Autumn 2022 which will house Health & Science and Engineering T-levels with bespoke facilities including a hospital ward and new engineering labs we want to make sure you are fully informed about T-levels. This event is for students who are interested in:

Accounting
Business Management
Childcare
Engineering
Construction
Digital
Health and Science

College Tours Cirencester College are offering guided tours around the college at 4.15 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. These should be booked on our website.

Gloucestershire College - their next openday is:- 17th January 2022



The poster features a young man with glasses and a blue location pin graphic. It includes the text 'OPEN .22', 'YOUR FUTURE, UNLOCKED.', and a list of open evenings for three campuses. The Gloucestershire College logo is at the bottom right.

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**YOUR FUTURE,
UNLOCKED.**

Find out more and book your place at gcisopen.co.uk

OPEN EVENINGS

- Gloucester Campus**
17 January 5.00pm – 8.00pm
- Forest of Dean Campus**
24 January 5.00pm – 8.00pm
- Cheltenham Campus:**
26 January 5.00pm – 8.00pm

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gloucestershire college

GET- Gloucestershire Engineering and Training Centre are hoping to have a Recruitment Open Evening on Thursday 20 January 4.30-7.30pm for the September 2022 intake – If you are interested in engineering this evening is a MUST!

Hartpury College – Open Days: Our college open days are filling quickly, the next College Open Day with space available is **Saturday 13th February**

[Open Days | College | Hartpury University and Hartpury College](#)

Sport outside the classroom

Whether you love playing for fun, cheering on those who do, or want to become the next big sports star, we have everything you need. Wednesdays are dedicated to sport on campus, but we also have evening activities taking place throughout the week. Students from all courses are welcome! There are recreational football opportunities, as well as turn-up-and-play opportunities within our student-led teams. From novice to advanced level, you can also make the most of our discounted riding lessons. We have up to 60 loan horses available for recreational activities, so you don't need to have your own horse to ride.

If you're playing sport competitively, or you have the talent and drive to do so, you may want to join one of our sports academies. Over 200 international athletes have developed their talents with us over recent years. You'll benefit from expert coaching and specialist training that fits around your studies, as well as access to world-class technology. To find out more about all our sporting opportunities, click [here](#).



Sport Facilities

MPCT – For more information why not look at their recent newsletter https://mpct.co.uk/mpct-newsletter-17-september-2021/?utm_source:marketingcloud&utm_medium:email&utm_campaign:

Stage Door Learning -

South Gloucestershire & Stroud (SGS) – Future Fridays Zoom on Friday 24th September and their next open-day is:-

SGS	Saturday	In person	22nd	January	2022	10am - 1pm
SGS	Thursday	In person	28th	April	2022	5.30pm- 8pm



Independent and unbiased careers guidance is provided by Mrs Georgie Blackburn, a professional careers advisor, who visits the school once a week during term time to meet with students individually and to give group talks. We try to arrange at least one appointment during KS4 for every single Severn Vale student, most will receive two meetings.

If you would like to book a careers appointment please email noakey@severnvaleschool.com



Just as Gloucestershire has a wide range of colleges it also has a wide range of Sixth Forms, each one having its own strengths and offering unique opportunities. Not all sixth forms are the same, and therefore please make sure you visit as many open-days as possible. Please click on the below Sixth Form name to be taken to their website and below you will also find up-to-date information on their open-days and taster sessions.

[All Saints Academy](#) -

[Archway School Sixth Form](#) -

[Balcarras School](#) -

Open Evening	In person	13th	January	2022	7pm-9pm
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[Cheltenham Bournside School](#) -

[Chosen Hill School](#) -

[Churchdown School](#) -

Thursday	In person	27th	January	2022	Evening - TBC
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[The Crypt School](#) - Future Friday's Zoom on Friday 1st October

[Denmark Road Sixth Form](#) -

[Holmleigh Park Sixth Form](#) - Future Friday's Zoom on Friday 12th November

[Katherine Lady Berkley School](#) -

[Marling Sixth Form](#) -

[Pates Sixth Form](#) -

Tuesday	In person	25th	January	2022	5pm-8pm
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[Ribston Hall Sixth Form](#) -

[Sir Thomas Rich's Sixth Form](#) -

TBC	A virtual tour is available on their website				
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[St Peter's RC High School](#) - Future Friday's Zoom on Thursday 7th October

TBC					
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[Stroud High School Sixth Form](#) -

Wednesday	In person	19th	January	2022	5pm-8pm
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Launch of Unifrog

September saw the launch of Unifrog at Seven Vale School. To support our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school, we will now be using Unifrog; an award-winning, online careers platform. The Unifrog platform is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups. Each student (Years 7-11) has their own personal account that provides a wide range of information related to their interests and aspirations. We have also set up a parent login so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself, allowing you to support your child with their career's choices throughout their time at Severn Vale. Please sign up using the form code **SVRVParents** and you can sign up at www.unifrog.org/code

If you are having a problem identifying what to do for work experience or what you want to do Post-16 please try using this Unifrog activity.

Who are you? (10 mins)

What makes you, you? Make a mind map about yourself, thinking about the following:

Hobbies

Things that are important to you

Things that you're good at



Favourite subjects

A job you think is interesting

Your best skills

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While Severn Vale School's Y10 Work experience takes place in the 1st week of July (4th -8th July 2022) work experience is not limited to this one week in July nor is it limited to just Y10s. I would encourage students from Y10 and Y11 to also have a placement in the summer holidays as well as taking advantage of the weekend 'insight into industry' days that are offered by local companies and the GROWS network. Please see below for current work experience / insight into industry days.



A CAREER IN MEDICINE (Q & A Session via Microsoft Teams)

If you are interested in working in medicine please to book a place using the Eventbrite link below. **Either** 15th December **or** 18th January – FREE EVENT Students may need to use Google Chrome to open the link

Wednesday 15th December 2021, 3.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-medical-work-experience-tickets-216345173237>

Tuesday 18th January 2022, 5pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/216347951547>

AIM OF SESSION: Doctors from our Trust will give a brief overview of how they got to where they are. What life as a Doctor is really like. A chance for you to ask any questions about a career in medicine and application process

Following on from this, students that are keen to pursue a career in medicine will be invited to apply to our virtual work experience scheme, successful applicants will be paired up with a doctor and one of our patients to have a chat about what it's really like to be in the NHS. After this, we will organise in-house work experience within the Trust. We hope that this will provide you with the knowledge and insight of what medicine is really about, and hopefully give you the experience that you need to excel in your medical school interviews!

Summer Experiences - Shadow doctors in a hospital. Explore a supercar with Formula 1 Engineers. Trade the stock market against investment bankers... <https://investin.org> – **while these are very good experiences please note there is a cost attached**



WORK EXPERIENCE – FREE EVENTS

Once again we will be expanding our programmes, this year we will be offering virtual, face to face and hybrid weeks, these will be open to students in years 10 to 13 (or equivalent). Please note applications will close midday on Sunday 6th February, we recommend that you apply as early as possible.

Engineering

- 1 week virtual - 31st May - 3rd June (30 places)
- 1 week face to face - 18th - 22nd July (35 places)
- 1 week face to face - 25th - 29th July (35 places)

Software

- 1 week hybrid - 8th - 12th August (20 places)

Business/Marketing

- 1 week hybrid - 11th - 14th April (20 places)

Unlike most companies who offer a job shadowing experience, at Renishaw all our schemes are project based, allowing students to get a real understanding of what working life is really like.

For further information about our schemes and to apply please follow this link:-

[Work experience weeks \(renishaw.com\)](https://www.renishaw.com/en/work-experience-weeks--42171)

<https://www.renishaw.com/en/work-experience-weeks--42171>

Location

With the exception of our virtual work experience, our on site and hybrid weeks will involve you traveling to our Gloucestershire, New Mills *PLEASE NOTE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES DO NOT RUN DIRECTLY TO EITHER OF OUR SITES, SO PLEASE CONSIDER THIS BEFORE APPLYING* – please contact vmartin@severnvaleschool if transport is going to stop you from applying **Gloucestershire** - New Mills, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, GL12 8JR

Insight into the Law – FREE VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE IN THE LAW



Learn new skills straight from our team and see what it's really like on the inside. No cost, no due date.

[Enrol for free today!](#)

About the experience in LAW

With the Hogan Lovells First Steps to Law Programme, you'll get to experience what it is like to work on a project that mirrors the skills our teams have and the work they do in the real world. Build skills in gaining commercial awareness, critical thinking, spotting issues, legal research, drafting emails and communication.

Whether you already have an idea about what you want to do when you leave school or are still exploring, the Hogan Lovells First Steps to Law Programme will give you a taste of what a career in commercial law might look like for you!

Workplace Skills

Gain practical skills and experience to better prepare you for the world of work. Programmes are self-paced so you can learn on your own time.

Based on Real life

Learn more about what you will actually do on the job by completing a series of hypothetical tasks based on real life scenarios.

Application Advantage

Gain a certificate to share and add to your resume. You'll stand out on your application and have something tangible for your interview.

https://www.theforage.com/virtual-internships/prototype/pWym4FJvd6At6kpRz/Hogan-Lovells-Introduction-to-Law-Virtual-Experience-Programme?highschool=true?utm_source=company_website?utm_medium=campus%20recruiting?utm_campaign=?utm_creative=sharelink



MBDA work experience scheme for year 11 to 13 students in Bristol

Dear colleagues

We would like to make you aware of an exciting work experience scheme run by MBDA in Filton which is open to all year 11 to 13 students in the Bristol area.

Work experience is an excellent way for young people to explore a particular industry and get a feel for the world of work.

As part of the MBDA Bristol work experience scheme, students will be asked to create a concept to solve a real world engineering problem. The students will work with engineers from across many departments at MBDA in order to develop their concept and eventually present it.

Alongside this, students will undertake several tours and activities with MBDA engineers and technicians to get an insight into the work that we do. There will also be activities designed to improve their employability, such as CV reviews and the opportunity to hear from people currently on the Early Careers Programme.

Please note that the work experience scheme is for those in years 11 to 13 only and consists of one five-day placement. This will initially be run in the February half term, however applications after Christmas are unlikely to be accepted for this week as places are already filling up. Additional weeks may be available later in the year depending on demand.

If you know anyone who would be interested in taking part in the scheme, please direct them to the careers website where they can apply by **[filling in the application form](#)**.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email **ftn.BristolWorkExperience**

Kind regards
MBDA Bristol Outreach Team

To apply please use this link (NB WHILE THESE ARE IN BRISTOL -YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GET THERE VIA TRAIN) <https://www.mbdacareers.co.uk/job/5273>

Post-16 Timeline

I have had some requests from parents & students for a suggested timeline around Post-16 applications for current Year 11s – please find a guide below for Current Year 11s:-

September 2021 - There are lots of school Sixth Forms and Colleges in Gloucestershire and so using the summer holidays to whittle them down to a shortlist may well be a sensible first step in deciding where to go after Severn Vale School. Why not begin researching via Unifrog or 6th Form / Colleges own websites. Aim to compile a short-list of Post-16 choices by the end of September, having checked first that your GCSE estimated grades are on target to meet the course requirements. Following this you need to apply to attend a selection of open-days / open evenings (**Top tip** - If applicable - remember to research what student bursaries are available for you to apply for e.g. travel bursaries).

Sept - November 2021 - Attend at least two College or Sixth Form open-days (these may be in-person or virtual open-days depending on Covid-19). Most colleges only have a couple of open days a year, while some Sixth Forms only have one a year and so you do need to get organised early. Please note you will find many of the popular colleges open-days get full early. (**Top tip** - Severn Vale School will be issuing all students with a list of open-days at the start of September but some are already being advertised (see Colleges & Sixth Form pages of Newsletter for more information)).

FLD 25th November 2021 - Severn Vale School will be taking all of Year 11 off timetable for the day to allow them to visit a Post-16 destination of their choice. Transport will be provided by Severn Vale School, however as students are only able to visit one venue, it is important that students choose carefully. As well as getting to see the facilities, an open day is a great opportunity to find out more about the different courses on offer from those who teach and study it - current students and academic staff. (**Top tip** - For many students choosing a college or sixth form is a bit like buying a house - and so you may well find that you end up going with your gut feeling and choosing the college or sixth form that feels like it could be your home for the next 2 years. Remember what is right for your friends might not be right for you).

November – December 2021 - January 2022 - Submit applications to College / Sixth Forms (**Top tip** - you can submit multiple applications and can also accept courses at more than one provider, and you do not need to decide on where you are going until GCSE Results Day in August 2022)

December 2021 – Complete, via Unifrog, your Post-16 destination form, remembering to include a Plan A and a Plan B – this information will allow us to be able to review all of Year 11s applications and do a check on suitability and ensure all of Year 11 have the balance right between being aspirational and attainable.

January - February 2022 - If appropriate - apply to local grammar schools - please see their website for the application window (normally only a few weeks).

February - May 2022 - If appropriate - apply for apprenticeships via either Unifrog or Find and Apprenticeship website [Find an apprenticeship \(findanapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](https://findanapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

August 2022 - GCSE results day - decide on which Post-16 place you are going to enrol at.