



# Your Options After a Level 1 or 2 Course



# Today's Talk:

- Progression at College
- Unsure of your direction?
- Apprenticeships
- Traineeships
- Employment & Work Experience
- Further Support



# How does college prepare you for the future?

- Qualifications
- Work Placements
- Experiences with Industry & Employers
- Literacy & Numeracy Skills
- Lecturers with Industry Experience
- Learning at College & Private Study
- Enrichment Activities





- A college course at Level 2 or 3
- Apprenticeship or Traineeship
- Full Time Employment (must be 18+ due to RPA)



# What do you need to achieve in order to progress onto another course?

#### **Progression Criteria:**

- Good attendance
- A relevant Level 1 or 2 qualification
- Reference from your tutor
- A successful interview or practical assessment

If you have lower than a grade 4 GCSE in Mathematics or English Language, you will continue to work towards this level.

# Timeline

March 2022

- Progression Week is in March 2022
- Complete Progression Application
- Tutor to agree and submit

By Easter

- Interview
- Offer made (may have conditions)

Enrolment Dates in Aug

- Attend College to finalise programme
- Enrol on new course



### **Vocational Courses at FCOT**

- Art, Design and Fashion
- Bricklaying
- Business
- Carpentry
- Catering & Hospitality
- Construction
- Criminology
- Early Years
- Electrical Installation
- Engineering
- Horticulture
- Travel & Tourism
- Vehicle Maintenance

- Floristry
- Graphic Design
- ▶ Hair & Beauty
- ▶ Health & Social Care
- ▶ IT, Computing, Games
- Media
- Performing Arts
- Photography
- Plumbing
- **▶** Public Services
- Science
- Sport Science



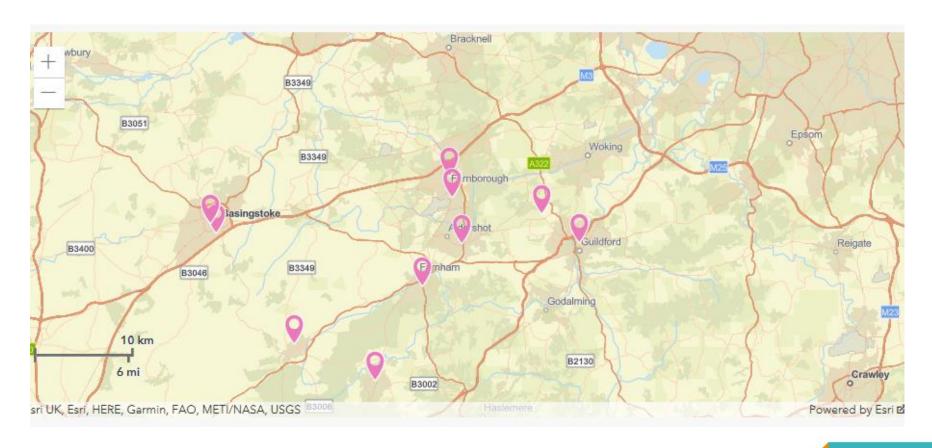
### A levels at FCOT

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Economics
- English
- Film Studies
- Geography
- Government and Politics

- **►** History
- **Law**
- **►** Maths
- **►** Media Studies
- Philosophy
- **▶** Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology



# Career Change - Course/College Change



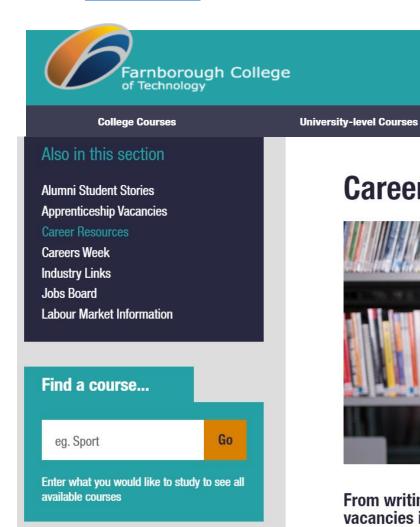
https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/yourfuture/collegeopendays



### Unsure of Direction?

• Take a Careers Assessment at: <a href="https://www.farn-ct.ac.uk/career-zone/career-resources/">https://www.farn-ct.ac.uk/career-zone/career-resources/</a>

**Apprenticeships** 



#### **Career Resources**



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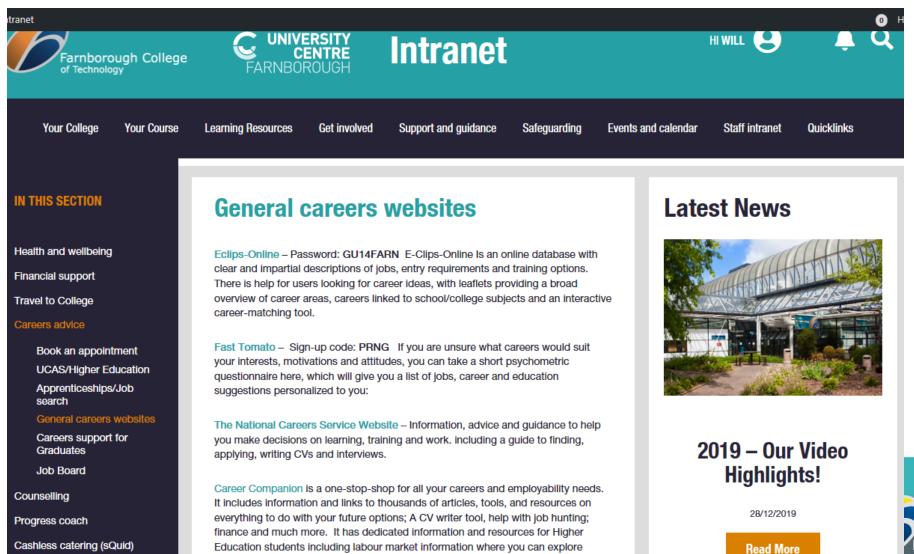
**Adult and Part-time Courses** 

From writing your CV and career action plans, to finding jobs and apprenticeship vacancies in your area, our Career Resources pull together a variety of information so you

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salary information and future trends for all jobs and careers.

Farnborough College of Technology

# Apprenticeships - Features

- Paid
- Entry requirements vary
- 12 months minimum
- Available at level 2, 3, 4-7
- Apply online/may require a CV
- Back up plan!





#### Apprenticeship Employers in Hampshire and Surrey

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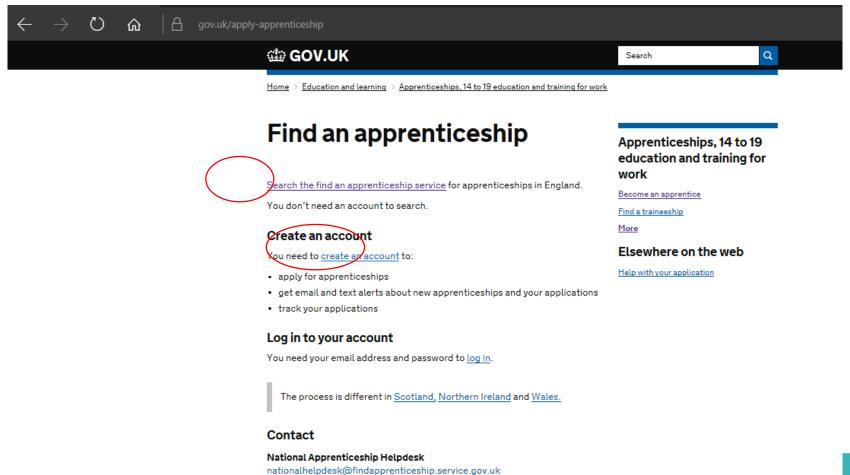








#### Applying for Apprenticeships Online

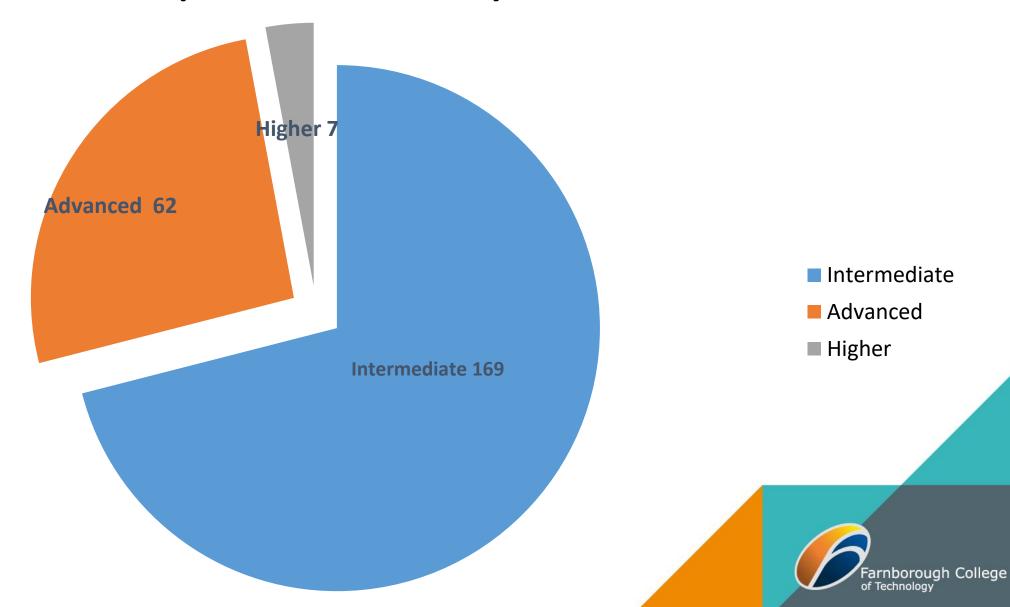


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Telephone: 0800 015 0400 Find out about call charges



# Apprenticeship Vacancies by Level



# Apprenticeships – Pros/Cons

#### **Pros**

- Qualifications Business, IT, Construction, Creative, Customer service & retail, Energy, Engineering & electrical, Finance, Health & care, Hospitality & travel, Manufacturing, Public services and Vehicles & transport.
- Progression 90% of apprentices become FT employees.
- Paid Minimum £3.70 per hour

#### Cons

- Competitive Level 3 grades required.
- Need to be flexible travel to work/role type.



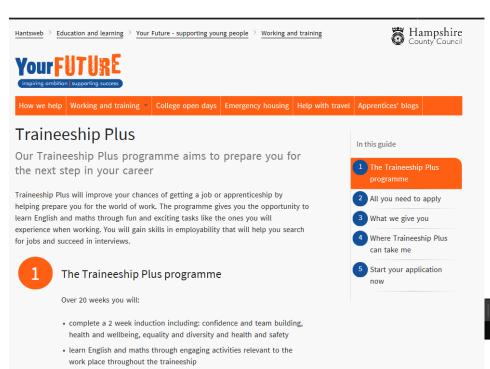
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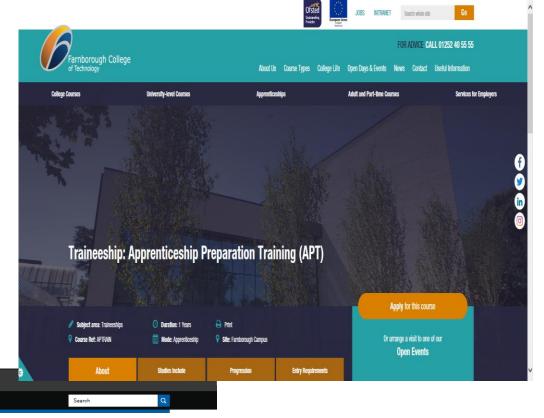
- For 16 year olds +
- Unpaid (travel expenses usually paid)
- Employer based work experience
- Work preparation & help with maths & English
- 6 months maximum
- Progression to an Apprenticeship





# Applying for a Traineeship





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#### Find a traineeship

A traineeship is a course with work experience that gets you ready for work or an apprenticeship. It can last up to 6 months.

You can apply if you're:

GOV.UK

- · eligible to work in England
- · unemployed and have little or no work experience
- · aged 16 to 24 and qualified below Level 3

You may be ready for an <u>apprenticeship</u> if you already have some work experience.

You'll get:

- a work experience placement
- · help with English and maths (if you need it)

You won't be paid, but you may be given expenses for things like travel and meals.



#### Before you start

You can use the service to search for traineeships but you need to <u>register</u> if you want to apply for traineeships.

You can log in if you have an account.

Apprenticeships, 14 to 19 education and training for work

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Careers helpline for teenagers

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# **Employment - Pros/Cons**

(18+ due to RPA)

#### Pros

- Average salaries of approx. £14k per year.
- Support future personal statement -Transferable skills

#### Cons

- Competitive!
- Accredited training/qualifications?

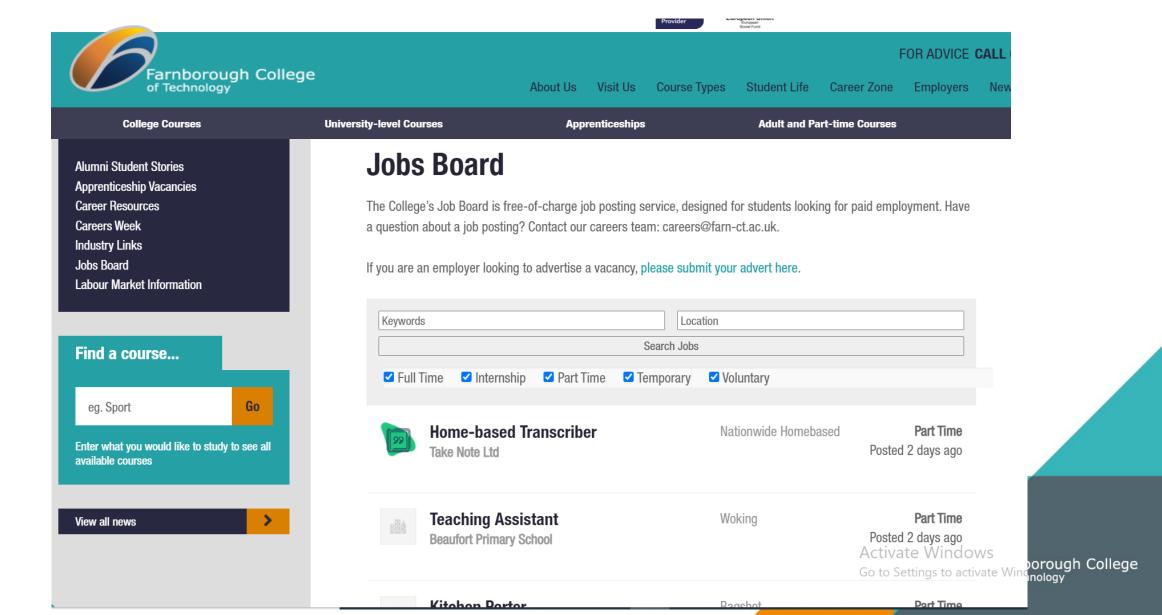


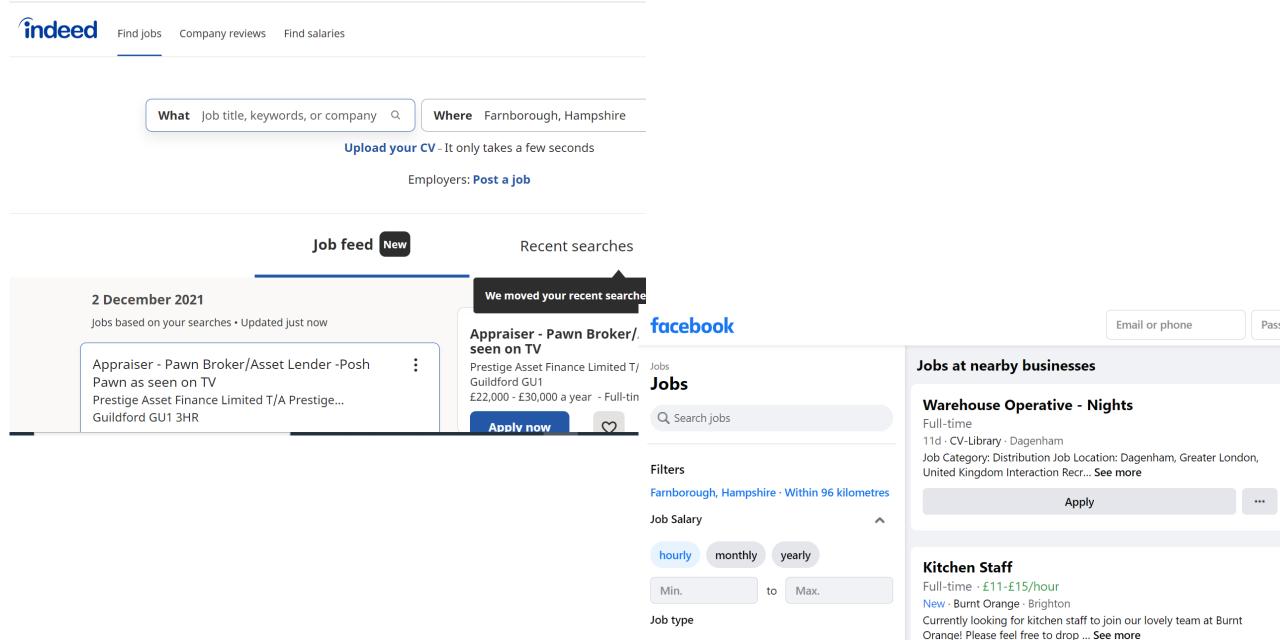
# Finding work

- College Jobs Board
- www.gov.uk/jobsearch / Local Jobcentre Plus
- National Careers Service Website
- Company websites
- LinkedIn
- Job websites
  - Indeed
  - Facebook for jobs
  - Reed
  - Monster
- Personal or Professional Networks



# College Jobs Board





Full-time

Part-time

Internship

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Apply

# Speculative approach

- Directly approach a company that you want to work for
- Check their website
- Apply for their apprenticeship scheme or job vacancy
- Upload your CV
- Prepare a cover letter too



# The Extreme Job Hunter





Stunt 1: Video Resume



Stunt 2: Auctioning Myself On eBay to Potential Employers



Stunt 3: Win An iPad mini Competition



Stunt 4: Pinnata Resume



Stunt 5: The Viral Photo



Stunt 6: The Krispy Kreme Placement



Stunt 7: The Ginger Inspector



Stunt 8: The Monopoly Bribe



Stunt 9: Tony Hall Please Google Yourself



# The Sandwich Board Guy





# **Skills/Qualities Employers Look For**

#### **Transferable Skills**

- ✓ Numeracy
- ✓ Literacy
- **✓** Communication
- ✓ Organisation
- ✓ Team Work
- ✓ Problem Solving

#### **Qualities/ Attitudes**

- ✓ Enthusiastic
- √ Flexible
- ✓ Hard working/ Work ethic
- ✓ Reliable
- ✓ Trustworthy

# Work Experience / Volunteering

- Volunteering: <a href="https://do-it.org/">https://do-it.org/</a>
- National Citizen Service <u>www.ncsyes.co.uk</u>
- Police / Armed Forces Cadets
- St John's Ambulance
- Sports
- Extra Curricula Activities: Enrichment & Clubs
- Youth / Student Councils



### **Action Plan**

Now

• Register with <u>www.apprenticeships.org.uk</u>

February / March

- College open evenings
- Apply to College/alternative College(s)
- Complete CV
- Start Apprenticeship search/application(s)

August

- Apprenticeship/Traineeship vacancy Interview with employer
- Apprenticeship/Traineeship start date agreed
- Or enrol on new college course



### Links

 The Careers Advice section of the college internet and intranet has links to more information about all the topics covered today.



Make an appointment to see a college careers adviser on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays on Moodle or email <a href="mailto:careersbooking@farn-ct.ac.uk">careersbooking@farn-ct.ac.uk</a>



•Any Questions?

Please feel free to browse subjects & courses at our open event this evening.

