

LOCAL AND NATIONAL EMPLOYERS WHO RECRUIT A LEVEL SCHOOL LEAVERS

What are School Leaver programmes?

These schemes, often called Higher Apprenticeships, are aimed at bright year 13 students with A levels or equivalent qualifications, who are intelligent enough to go to university but have decided instead to enter the world of work. Generally, companies are looking for 240+ UCAS points. 'A' level pupils will also apply for Advanced Apprenticeships if no Higher Level Apprenticeships are available.

There are many advantages to such programmes. They are:

- You will have no student debt
- You will start to earn a salary immediately
- Most programmes involve studying for further professional qualifications or a degree. These are paid for by the employer
- It is often easier to secure a role with a leading company as a school leaver than it is as a graduate, when competition is tougher.
- Increasingly more and more companies are offering school leaver programmes as they find taking students on at this stage very attractive
- You will often end up, after 3-4 years at a similar stage as a graduate would entering the organisation

There are now School Leaver programmes in all business sectors, from technical, commercial to creative. They are generally with FTSE 100 leading employers who offer great training programmes and pay good starting salaries.

University is not the only choice for bright students. Take a look at some of the programmes on offer.

PLEASE LOOK FOR JOB AND APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES

You can search for A level school leaver vacancies under the following categories on www.studentladder.co.uk (Look under school leaver programmes tab on Home page.)

- **Asset & Investment Management**
- **Banking & Finance**
- **Construction, Property & Engineering**
- **Hospitality, Leisure & Food**
- **Media, Business, Retail & Marketing**
- **Professional Services, Insurance & Legal**
- **Public Services**
- **Science & Technology**

www.getingofar.gov.uk is the new website for www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

www.schoolleavers.milkround.com (You can do a search on the South West)

www.careers.marksandspencer.com/school-leavers

www.johnlewispartnership.co.uk

www.gchq-careers.co.uk – British Intelligence Higher Apprenticeship

www.yes2jobs.co.uk – site is useful for work placements and internships as well as apprenticeships.

www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk

www.LGjobs.com and www.jobsgopublic.com for local government jobs

www.jobs.nhs.uk (National Health Service jobs)

www.gov.uk/jobsearch (This is the job centre website)

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

www.glosjobs.co.uk

www.indeed.co.uk

ENGINEERING COMPANIES

www.renishaw.com – engineering and software engineering apprenticeships

<http://careers-nationalgrid.com>

www.ge.com/careers

www.rolls-royce.com

www.airbus-careers.com

www.delphi.com/careers

www.messier-dowtycareers.co.uk

www.get-trained.org

CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIPS

www.bconstructive.co.uk – for construction technician level 3 vacancies

LOCAL ACCOUNTANCY FIRMS IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND BRISTOL

RANDALL AND PAYNE

HAZELWOODS

DELOITTE

KPMG

PRICE WATERHOUSE

ERNST AND Young

GRANT THORNTON

SMITH AND WILLIAMSON

Training Provider for accountancy = Kaplan www.kaplanapprenticeships.co.uk

CAREERS QUESTIONNAIRES AND CAREERS INFORMATION

Careers quiz www.plotr.co.uk

Careers videos on www.icould.com and www.careersbox.co.uk

Health Care Careers Quiz– www.stepintothens.nhs.uk

www.healthcareers.nhs.uk (Careers in the NHS)

For careers information on a variety of careers look at the job profiles on www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk