

NORTHGATE SIXTH FORM CENTRE IPSWICH

Year 12 Next Steps Evening

27th March 2024



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Welcome – John Alexander, Head of Sixth Form

Careers Support at Northgate – Victoria Calder, Careers Leader

Higher Education – Ella Sancassani, University of Essex

Student Finance – Ella Sancassani, University of Essex

Higher Education: A Parent's Perspective – Peter Rampling

Apprenticeships – Ellen Rush and Polly Lewis, Apprenticeships
Suffolk

Speaker stands in foyer – please visit after presentations to ask any questions

Careers at Northgate Sixth Form

Mrs Calder

Careers Support at Northgate

Careers Department – Mrs Calder, Mrs Cook

Head of Sixth Form – Mr Alexander

Sixth Form team

Tutors and Subject Teachers


External Partners – local universities, colleges, training providers, employers, Careers & Enterprise Company, Careers Hub.

- Careers Lesson – Autumn Term & Spring Term
- Personal Careers Action Plan
- One-to-one careers appointments
- Monday morning Careers Drop-In sessions
- University trips
- Support securing work experience
- Opportunities advertised on displays – Careers-related learning; work experience; university taster sessions; employer talks

Careers Action Plan

Name: _____ Form: _____

Where are you now? Where would you like to be?


How will you get there?

How to get there.....

What will I do?	By who?	By when?	Done

Progress check date: _____

Signed (student): _____ Date: _____

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- University
- Further Education courses
- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)
- Apprenticeship
- Employment
- Gap Year – volunteering, employment, travel, further learning

- University – 53.77%%
- University – deferred entry – 8.02%
- Further Education courses – 0.94%
- Apprenticeship – 4.25%
- Employment – 2.36%
- Gap Year – 6.13%
- NEET – 0.47%
- Medically unfit for learning or work – 0.94%
- Unknown – 23.11%

Why Higher Education?

- Transferable skills
- Improved career prospects
- Essential for some careers
- Experience of university life – academic and social
- Over one third of 18/19 year-olds progress directly into university
- Current Year 13 cohort – 62% have applied for university

- 594,490 university applications by main 31st January 2024 UCAS deadline
- 41.3% of all UK 18 year-olds applied to HE
- Applicants from outside the EU is stable with 98,840 applying to study at university in the UK
- EU applicants to UK universities has continued to fall
- Current graduate job market is in flux
- Average graduate starting salary varies by subject
- Net financial gain from a degree over lifetime

10 Most Popular Courses in UK

1. Subjects Allied to Medicine
2. Business and Management Studies
3. Social Sciences
4. Design and Creative Arts
5. Computer Science
6. Engineering and Technology
7. Biological and sports sciences
8. Law
9. Psychology
10. Medicine and Dentistry

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/student-advice/what-to-study/top-ten-most-popular-courses-in-uk>

Important Dates – University Applications

Northgate Internal Deadlines

Oxbridge & Medical/Veterinary/Dentistry UCAS applications –
30th September 2024

All other UCAS applications – 18th November 2024

UCAS Application Deadlines

Oxbridge & Medical/Veterinary/Dentistry – 15th October 2024

Main UCAS deadline – 29th January 2025

Why an Apprenticeship?

- Real job
- Paid employment
- Employer pays for training costs
- Experience in the workplace
- Transferable skills
- 4 different levels – to degree level and beyond

- University Open Days (Mar-Dec) – www.opendays.com
- University taster sessions
- Work experience
- Part-time employment
- Research and reading around the subject
- Start drafting UCAS personal statement – 4,000 characters
- UCAS 2025 course search opens 30th April 2024
- UCAS 2025 applicant registration opens 14th May 2024
- Research any additional tests – e.g. UCAT, BMAT, LNAT, Oxbridge

- Oxbridge Webinar Series – Ongoing between March-July 2024
- Oxbridge Conference – 24th April 2024
- Medics Conference – TBC – May/June 2024
- UCAS Higher Education Convention at UOS – 11th June 2024
- Careers Day – 10th July 2024
- Careers Talks – HE/Apprenticeship focus – Autumn Term 2024
- University mock interviews – November 2024
- Apprenticeships Workshop/mock interviews – November 2024

Exploring University

Ella Sancassani
Student Recruitment Officer
University of Essex



Session overview

- **Making choices around Higher Education**
- **Student Life**
- **UCAS**
- **Student Finance**



Choosing your course

- Choose your course **FIRST**
- Over 40,000 to choose from
- Familiar or new subject?
- Interesting enough for 3 years?
- Career plans?
- Different types of courses
- **YOUR** decision



Types of courses

- BA, BSc, LLB, BEng etc.
- Single honours
- Joint honours
- 3 – 5 years
- Flexibility
- Sandwich degrees
- Study abroad
- Placement year

Do your research

- Course title
- Academic content
- Entry Requirements – work experience? Interview? Testing?
- Teaching methods
 - Lectures and seminars
 - Tutorials
 - Independent study
- Assessment methods
 - Coursework
 - Exams
 - Group work and presentations

Choosing your University

- Choose your university **SECOND**
- City or campus
- Size & location
- Reputation
- Stay at home or move away
- Accommodation
- Scholarships/bursaries
- Employability
- Academic and social facilities



Attend Open Days

- Campus tours
- Accommodation tours
- Subject talks and taster sessions
- Speak with academics
- Meet current students







Students' Union

- Owned and loved by students
- All students are automatically members
- Social events – Welcome Week, Christmas market, Holi festival
- 130+ student societies to join
- 40+ sports teams to join
- Advice and support
- Volunteering
- Part-time jobs

UCAS

- Manages UK undergraduate applications
- Offers support on getting into Higher Education
- Everyone in the UK applies online through UCAS
- UCAS sends your application to the Universities
- Apply to up to 5 courses
- Track your application online



What to include

- General information
- Education history
- Employment history
- Personal statement
- Reference

Key dates - 2024

- UCAS opens for applications to be submitted in September 2023
- 15 October 2023: Deadline for applications to Oxford, Cambridge and most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science
- January 2024: Deadline for applications for most other courses
- May 2024: Universities deadline to respond to applicants
- June 2024: Applicant deadline to respond to offers
- July 2024: Clearing opens



Student Finance

2 main costs

- Tuition fees
- Living costs - Maintenance

Support is provided by the Student Loans Company aka. Student Finance England





Tuition fee loan

- Available to all UK students on a full-time, undergraduate course
- Not income assessed – loan covers the full fee
- Paid directly to the University
- There is nothing to pay before or during the course

Maintenance loan

- Available to all UK students on a full-time, undergraduate course
- Paid directly to the student in 3 instalments
- What you get depends on 2 factors:
 - Your household income and;
 - Where you study



Income thresholds and how much is available?

Lower household income threshold: below £25,000

Upper household income threshold:

Where	Household income limit*
Outside London	£60,842
London	£67,474
Home	£56,925

Where	Non-income assessed	Income assessed (Maximum)	Total
Away from Home Outside London	£4,767	£5,460	£10,227
Away from Home in London	£6,647	£6,701	£13,348
Home	£3,790	£4,820	£8,610



Here to help!

- www.ucas.com
 - Search by course, region or institution
- www.discoveruni.gov.uk
 - Statistics on student experience, male to female ratio & graduate jobs
- www.gov.uk/student-finance
 - Make Student Finance application
- <https://www.gov.uk/repaying-your-student-loan>
 - Learn about SFE repayments

**Any
questions?**



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Higher Education: A Parent's Perspective

Peter Rampling

Parent Ambassador, University of Suffolk



Apprenticeships Suffolk

#BuildTheFuture
#BeSuffolksFuture

Supports businesses in Suffolk to create apprenticeship opportunities.

Liaise with Training provider to support with course delivery

Provide information, advice and guidance to education settings.

OUR SERVICE

Signpost to services and opportunities that best suit your needs.

Support both employer and apprentice throughout the apprenticeship journey.

Support individuals 16+ who are ready to explore their next steps.

What is an apprenticeship?

Earn while you are learning!
Many companies offer great perks too!!

Transferable Skills to take with you across your working life.

Employed to do a real full-time job whilst studying for a real qualification.
(6 hours of your working week)

Gaining and demonstrating knowledge, skills and behaviours and being fully trained in that job role.

Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on the level.

Progression onto another apprenticeship or a pathway into a future career. Many Managers and Owners were Apprentices.

Apprenticeships are for those 16+ and available for anyone at any level.

End Point Assessments

What is an End Point assessment?

End-point assessment (EPA) is the final stage of an apprenticeship. It is an impartial assessment of whether your apprentice has developed the skills, knowledge and behaviours outlined in the apprenticeship standard.

What is the process?

Each apprenticeship includes an end-point assessment plan which describes how the apprentice should be tested against the appropriate criteria. For example, your apprentice may need to complete:

- a practical assessment
- an interview
- a project
- written and/or multiple-choice tests
- a presentation

What happens after?

If your apprentice successfully completes their apprenticeship and passes their assessment, they'll be awarded with a certificate.

Maths and English

Not achieved a pass
(Grade 4 or C) in
Maths and English
GCSE

You may need to
complete a
Functional skills as
part of your
apprenticeship.

Your Training
Provider or College
will identify what
level you are
working at through
an initial
assessment.



For **Level 2**
apprenticeships, you
will be required to
have at least a **Level 1**
Functional Skills
Maths and English.



**Level 1 Functional
Skills is equivalent
to GCSE grades 1 to
3**
*(D to G in old GCSE
grading system)*

For a **Level 3 to 7**
apprenticeship,
you will be working
towards a **Level 2**
Functional Skills
alongside your
apprenticeship.



**Level 2 Functional
Skills is equivalent to
GCSE grades 4-9**
*(C to A in old GCSE
grading system)*

Apprenticeship Levels:



Level 6 & 7 (Higher Degree Apprenticeships)

*Equivalent to a full degree (6) or a Masters Degree (7)
Currently around 200 standards*

Level 4 & 5 (Higher Apprenticeships)

*Equivalent to foundation degree level
Currently around 180 standards*

Level 3 (Advanced Apprenticeship)

*Equivalent to 2 A-levels
Currently around 280 standards*

Level 2 (Intermediate Apprenticeship)

*Equivalent to 5 GCSE's 4 – 9
Currently around 170 standards*

You can find all of
the
apprenticeship
standards
approved for
delivery on the
[Institute for
Apprenticeships](#)
website

Outdoor Activity
Instructor

Level
3

Teaching Assistant

Level
3

Operational
Firefighter

Level
3

Plumbing &
Heating Engineer

Level
3

Criminal
Investigator

Level
6

Florist

Level
2

Business Administrator

Level
3

Apprenticeship qualifications

Customer Service
Practitioner

Level
2

Midwife

Level
6

Animal Trainer

Level
4

Fashion Studio Assistant

Level
3

Paramedic

Level
6

Game Software
Developer

Level
7

Horticulture &
Landscape operative

Level
2

Autocare
Technician

Level
2

Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

ARCADIS **Bishop Fleming** **dwf** **Valuation Office Agency** **CORMAC** **ZENOPA** **KIER**

CATERPILLAR® **Life Is On** **Schneider Electric** **ROLLS ROYCE**

CPW Where buildings come alive **mira SHOWERS** **Amazing Apprenticeships**

Dunelm **SEVERN TRENT** **FARRER&Co** **e-on**

Morrisons **LLOYDS BANKING GROUP** **Government Economic Service** **University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust**

ASDA **Amey** **JAMES COWPER KRESTON** **UGrad+**

babcock **ICONIC PROJECT MANAGEMENT** **national highways** **GSK** **BDB PITMANS** **IM irwinmitchell** **WHITECODE CONSULTING**

Essex County Council **JLR** **Transport for London** **HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY** **Prevention First** **Shell**

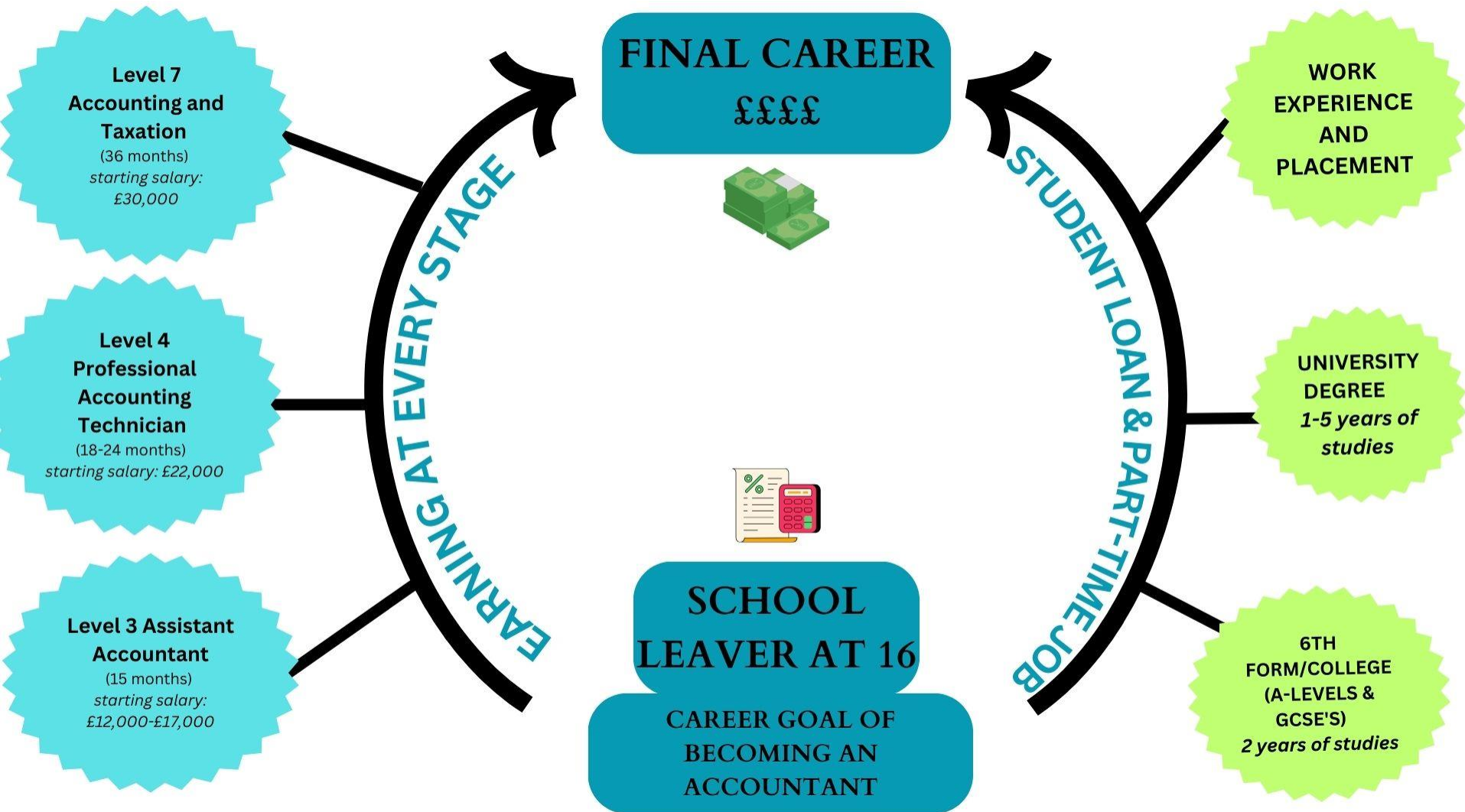
Buzzacott **pwc** **wsp** **HSBC** **GREENE KING BURY ST EDMUNDS** **BARRATT DEVELOPMENTS PLC** **Roche** **Collins Aerospace** **PKF FRANCIS CLARK** **ARMY BE THE BEST**

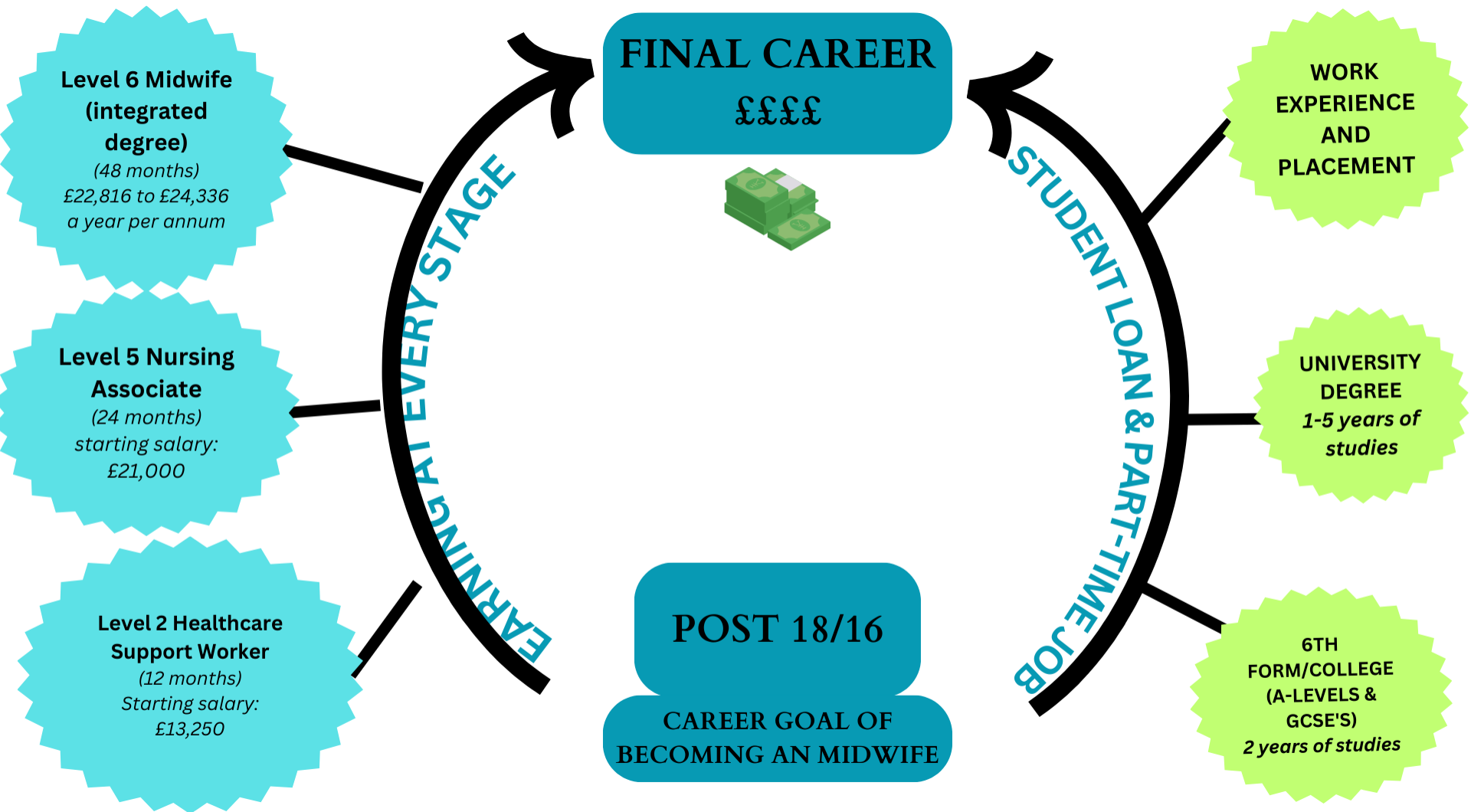
Apprenticeships

Higher & Degree Apprenticeship Vacancy Listing for 2024 Recruitment

January 2024

Visit apprenticeships.gov.uk





TO DO LIST:

- ☑ **Consider your interests - What is it you want to do in the future?** You can access online career/ personality quizzes to help you discover possible career options based on your interests, skills and attributes. Examples of these can be found on "[I can be a...](#)" and "[Careers Quiz](#)" on the UCAS website.
- ☑ **Do your research** – How can I get into my preferred industry? What qualifications/ experience will I need?
- ☑ **Attend career events** (virtual or in person). Set up a LinkedIn profile.
- ☑ Find local employers and approach to request some **work experience**.
- ☑ [Build your CV](#) and cover letter for job applications.
- ☑ Consider doing a **Pre-apprenticeship programme** or **traineeship**
- ☑ Register on [National Apprenticeship Service gov.uk](#) for current apprenticeship opportunities.
- ☑ **Register with Apprenticeships Suffolk** where you will receive ongoing support from our Participant Advisor. You will receive our Wednesday Weekly which shares our current live job vacancies, and you will be invited to apply to new opportunities within our service.

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