



Department
for Education



National Careers Week

Dear student,

This week is [National Careers Week](#) and as the Minister for Higher and Further Education, I am writing to you about all of the high-quality education and training options there are to help get you to the career that you want. This follows a [recent letter](#) you may have received from the Minister for Skills about all of the great apprenticeship opportunities there are available.

I have been able to speak to a lot of young people who have all taken different paths after school or college to get to their chosen job or career. What so many of them had in common was **good, early careers advice** – providing an insight into the different careers that are out there and helping with those important decisions on what step to take next.

There are now so many **exciting, high-quality education and training options** available to you – from T Levels that have been designed with employers, to apprenticeships in hundreds of occupations, traineeships and innovative new Higher Technical Qualifications, alongside A levels and university.

Whatever career you want to go into – from engineering or construction to healthcare or digital technologies – the training is available to get you there and equip you with the very best skills that employers want.

How to find out more:

- All of the different training routes are set out on the ‘Get The Jump’ [section](#) of the National Careers Service website. This has information about all the education and training pathways open to you in one place and shows how they compare and where they can lead to.
- You can also see over [800 job profiles](#) on the National Careers Service website, with important information on things like salary levels, typical responsibilities and the best route into each job or career.
- Your school and college should also have a Careers Leader who will be able to speak to you about your options and help you navigate your next step.

It is my priority to ensure that you know about all the opportunities available to you - so you feel informed and confident in making those exciting decisions about your future. I hope you get some time during this National Careers Week to look at what is available and find out more about how you can open the door to your dream career.

Yours faithfully,

The Rt Hon Michelle Donelan MP

Minister of State for Higher and Further Education



You don't need to know where you're going to get going

Whether you know where you're headed in the future or not, knowing the work and study choices available to you is a great place to start.

To explore all the education and training choices available visit [Get the Jump](#)

Speak to an adviser

If you need help or advice related to your future education and training choices you can contact the National Careers Service on 0800 100 900 (8am-8pm Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm Saturday) or [use webchat](#).

Jannah (20): Software Engineering Apprentice at KPMG



“My apprenticeship allows me to combine my skills and passion for creativity in the digital sector and I get to earn whilst I learn on the job.”

Joshua (17): T Level Student Studying Digital Business Services



“I really enjoy practical work and getting hands-on experience, so when I heard the T Level included an extended work placement, I knew it was the right course for me.”

Nellie (20): Former Trainee, now an Apprentice at Specsavers



“The 2 month traineeship was really good. It helped to build my confidence, prepare my CV and helped with my communication. The traineeship made me realise that this was what I wanted to do as a career.”