



Careers

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For any help, questions or feedback about careers - please email me at Bethany.ward@teesdaleschool.co.uk

Hello

Welcome to your weekly careers newsletter, the purpose of this newsletter is to give you access to relevant careers information, labour market information and useful resources.

I hope you find this issue helpful! Have a great break and happy holidays!

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Head of Careers

Dates for your diary

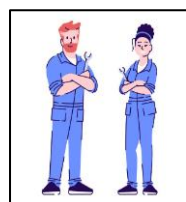
Key
External events
Events in school

Date	Event
Tuesday 20 th December	Last day of term
Wednesday 4 th January	Back to School

Job of the week

Motor Mechanic

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/motor-mechanic>



Motor mechanics repair and service cars and vans. As a motor mechanic, you could: find and diagnose faults using hand tools or a computer, advise customers on what repairs are needed, including cost, repair or replace faulty parts and carry out regular maintenance, test vehicles on the road to check repairs, check stock levels and update vehicle service records and work with high voltage batteries if you work on hybrid or electric vehicles.

Qualifications:

- ✓ College course - 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course. 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course. 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and Maths for a T level.
- ✓ Apprenticeship - some GCSEs, usually including English and maths, or equivalent, for an intermediate apprenticeship. 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and Maths, for an advanced apprenticeship.

Working hours: 38 to 45 per week. You could work evenings / weekends so will need flexibility.

Salary: Starting at £18,000 rising to £35,000 for experienced mechanics.

Key Terminology



CV = Curriculum Vitae – this is a document used when applying for jobs. It allows you to summarise your education, skills and experience enabling you to successfully sell your abilities to potential employers.

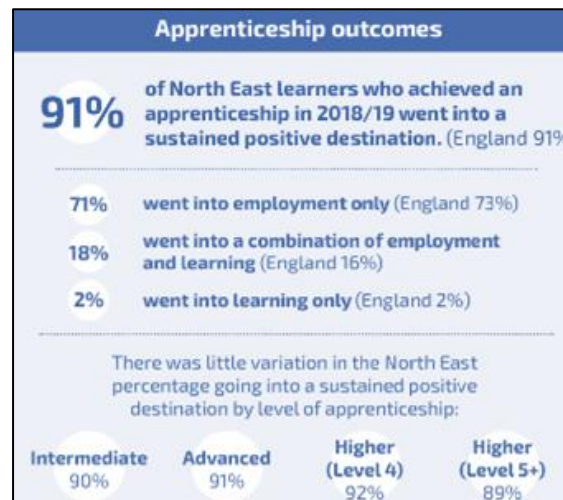
Next steps knowledge

Youth employment UK

<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/>

Youth Employment UK is an independent, not for profit social enterprise founded in 2012 to tackle youth unemployment. As experts on youth employment and unemployment, they are ideally placed to understand the complex landscape facing young people, employers and policy makers. They are actively tackling youth unemployment by: giving young people a voice on employment issues that affect them, supporting young people with the skills and careers support they need, supporting employers to develop and be recognised for their youth friendly employment, connecting young people to youth friendly employers and providing expert insight across all youth employment policy areas.

Labour market information



Spotlight

Apprenticeships spotlight - Teaching Assistant

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-apprenticeships-for-the-school-workforce/apprenticeships-for-the-school-workforce>

A teaching assistant apprenticeship reflects the best available evidence and practice around effective use of teaching assistants, supporting groups of pupils and individuals. The training involves understanding how to support a class teacher to enhance pupils' learning.

The main things you need to know about this apprenticeship:

- Qualification level 3 (Equivalent to A level)
- Typical duration is 18 months
- Every apprenticeship is required to have a 20 per cent off the job training element, which means that, while the majority of your time will be spent in a school, some time will also be spent at your education provider.
- Apprenticeship category is Education and Childcare
- Training costs are around £5,000 and are covered by schools through the apprenticeship levy, a dedicated pot of funding schools receive to fund apprenticeships. If your school doesn't pay into the levy, they can opt to make a 5 per cent contribution towards the training cost, and the government will pay the remaining 95 per cent.
- There is no national pay scale for teaching assistants. The apprenticeship minimum wage is £4.30 if you are aged between 16 and 18. It is also £4.30 if you are aged 19 or over and in your first year. Once you have completed your first year, you are entitled to the national minimum wage or national living wage rate for your age.
- After completion of the apprenticeship, you can expect to earn around £17,364 as a full time teaching assistant.
- Entry requirements are set by individual employers, but typically an apprentice might be expected to have already achieved five GCSEs, including maths and English, at grade 4 or 5 (grade C) and above. Some employers will accept other relevant qualifications and experience, including a relevant level 2 qualification.

Careers resources

- <https://www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk/> - At All About School Leavers, our mission is clear: we help school leavers get jobs and understand the career paths available to them.
- <http://www.do-it.org.uk/> - The UK's national volunteering database makes it easy for anyone to volunteer in their community.
- Studential - <https://www.studential.com/> Studential offer information and advice on all stages of education. They also offer useful guides for writing personal statements and UCAS applications.