



Year 13 Futures Information Evening

Tuesday 15th September 2026





Apprenticeships

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What is an Apprenticeship?



An apprenticeship is a paid job with training.

You work for an employer, gain practical experience and work towards a nationally recognised apprenticeship, standard, or qualification.

WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP? - VIDEO





As of September 2026, there are now over **800** different types of apprenticeship jobs





OLD

Headline facts and figures - 2024/25

Starts (Aug-Apr)

284,190

up by 2.0% from 2023/24

► [What are starts?](#)

Participation (Aug-Apr)

703,110

up by 2.2% from 2023/24

► [What is participation?](#)

Achievements (Aug-Apr)

128,290

up by 8.0% from 2023/24

► [What are achievements?](#)

CURRENT UK PICTURE

Headline facts and figures – 2025/26

Starts (Aug–Apr)

308,770

up 8.7% from 2024/25

Participation (Aug–Apr)

735,500

up 4.6% from 2024/25

Achievements (Aug–Apr)

146,210

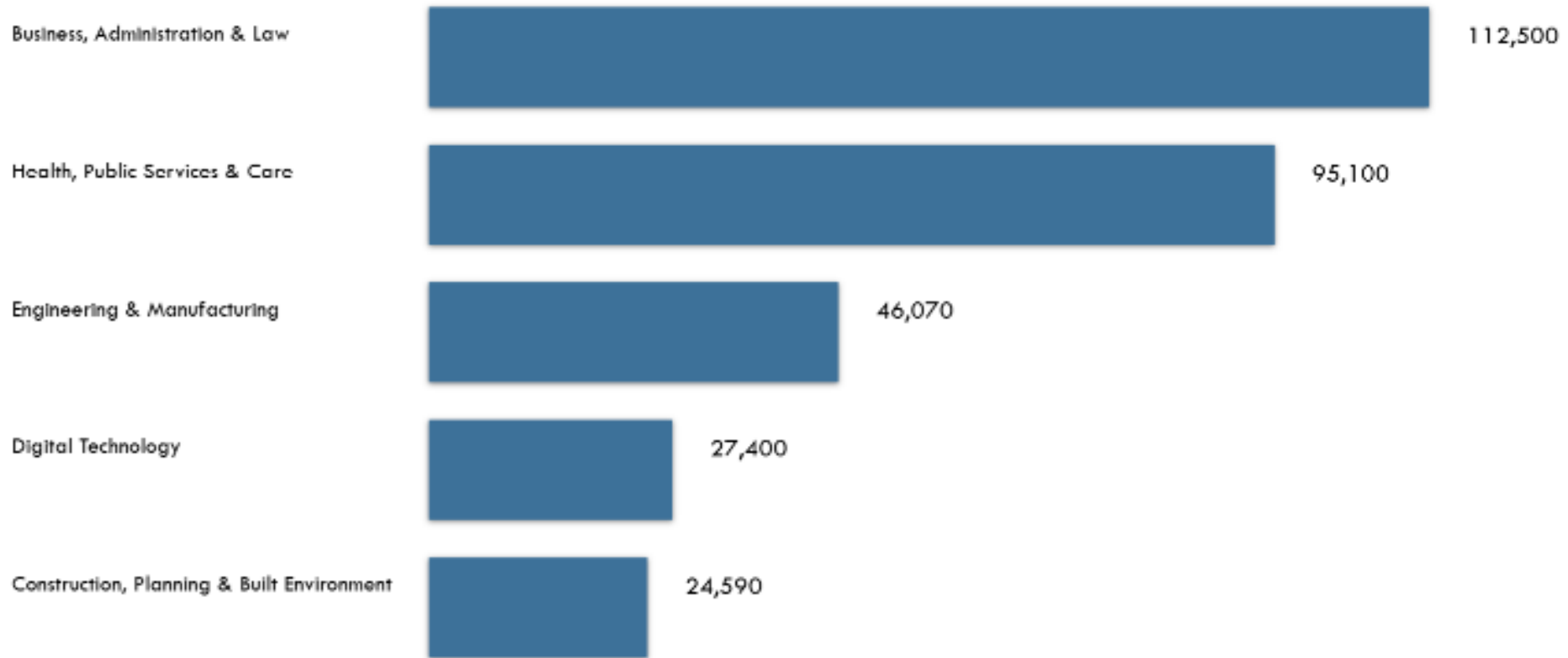
up 14.0% from 2024/25

Provisional figures for England, August 2025 to April 2026.

Current UK picture

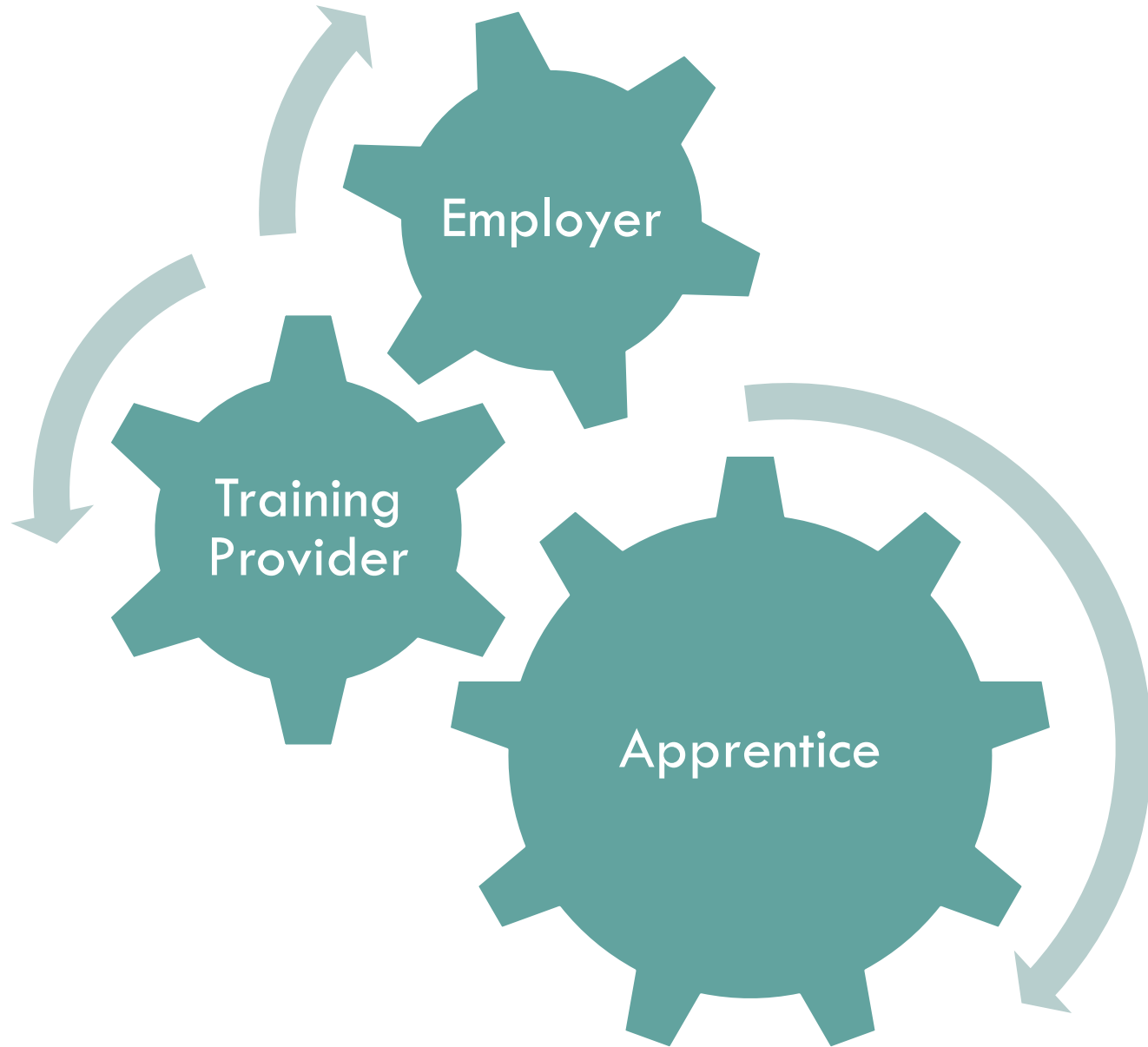
Latest official England figures:

- 308,770 apprenticeship starts - **up 8.7%** on the same period in 2024/25.
- 126,660 higher apprenticeship starts - **up 13.6%**.
- 53,940 Level 6 & 7 starts - **up 8.4%**.
- 63,530 starts were by under-19s (20.6% of starts).
 - 735,500 learners were participating in apprenticeships - **up 4.6%**.
 - 2025/26 full-year figures are due in November 2026.



Latest full-year subject picture (2025/26)

Source: DfE/DWP, Apprenticeships (2025/26 subject data are not yet final).



Apprenticeship Levels: Simplified

L2 Foundation

L2 Intermediate

L3 Advanced

L4+ Higher

L6-7 Degree

Apprenticeship Levels

Level	Qualification		Job Level
7/8	NVQ 7	Master's Degree/Doctorate	Chartered Professional
6	Higher/Degree Apprenticeships NVQ 4-6	Honour's Degree	
5		Foundation Degree/ HND	Management Professional
4		Diploma of Higher Education	
		HNC	Advanced Technician
3	Advanced Apprenticeship/ NVQ 3	BTEC Cert/Diploma	
2	Apprenticeship/ NVQ 2	BTEC First Diploma	Semi-skilled Operator
1	NVQ 1		
		GCSE A*-C 9-4	Operator
		GCSE D-F 3-1	
Entry	Basic Skills/Skills for Life		

Degree Apprenticeships

What are degree apprenticeships?

- You are employed and paid while studying towards a degree.
- The employer pays the apprenticeship training/assessment costs within the funding rules.
- You gain work experience alongside academic study.
- You do not normally pay undergraduate tuition fees for the apprenticeship itself.



Degree Apprenticeships

How are they structured?

- You are a paid employee throughout the programme.
- You combine on-the-job work with university/training-provider study.
- Study may be delivered by day release, blocks or another pattern.
- The balance varies by employer and apprenticeship standard.
- Each standard has a required minimum amount of off-the-job training.

Do not assume an 80/20 split: the training pattern depends on the individual apprenticeship standard and employer.

WHERE CAN I FIND VACANCIES?

Where can I find vacancies?

- 'Find an Apprenticeship' → the official government vacancy service for England:

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

- Register for alerts and search regularly.
- Also check individual employer careers pages → many large employers recruit directly.
- For degree/higher opportunities, also use UCAS and specialist apprenticeship vacancy sites.

Find an apprenticeship

[Search the find an apprenticeship service](#) for apprenticeships in England.

You don't need an account to search.

Create an account

You need to [create an account](#) to:

- apply for apprenticeships
- get email and text alerts about new apprenticeships and your applications
- track your applications

Log in to your account

You need your email address and password to [log in](#).

The process is different in [Scotland](#), [Northern Ireland](#) and [Wales](#).

Contact

National Apprenticeship Helpdesk

nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

Telephone: 0800 015 0400

[Find out about call charges](#)

Apprenticeships, 14 to 19 education and training for work

[Become an apprentice](#)

[Find a traineeship](#)

[More](#)

Elsewhere on the web

[Help with your application](#)

Register for
alerts, save
searches and
**check deadlines
regularly.**

Search results

We've found **9** apprenticeships in your selected area.

We've also found [15 apprenticeships with positions elsewhere in England](#).

 [Receive alerts for this search](#)

Edit search

► [More/less detail](#)

Sort results

Best match



Keywords (optional)

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[Apprentice Mechanical Engineering](#)

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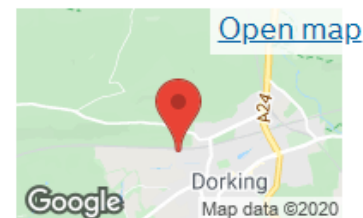
(Added 7 days ago - 2 positions available)

Learning and applying engineering and manufacturing skills in a precision machining company. This is a fantastic opportunity for the right candidate.

Distance: 15 miles ► [Journey time](#)

Closing date: in 6 days

Possible start date: 01 Oct 2020



HIGHER AND DEGREE VACANCY LISTING

Higher & Degree Vacancy Listing

Higher and Degree Vacancy Listing
for 2023/24 Recruitment



Amazing Apprenticeships publishes regular vacancy listings featuring higher and degree apprenticeship opportunities.

- Summer 2026 edition: 950+ vacancies
- Includes vacancy locations, salary information and direct application links
- Check the website for the newest edition before applying



UCAS — APPRENTICESHIPS AND SCHOOL LEAVER OPTIONS

<https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships>

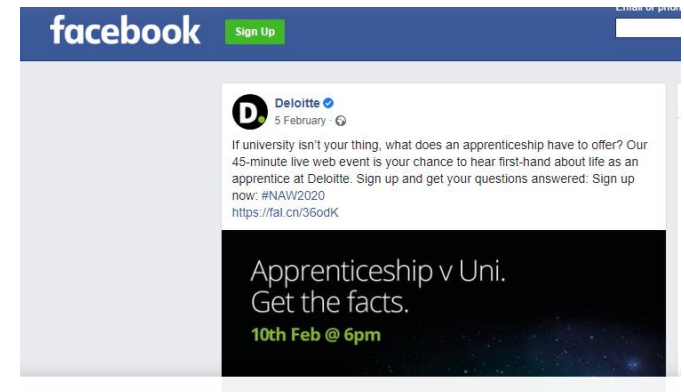
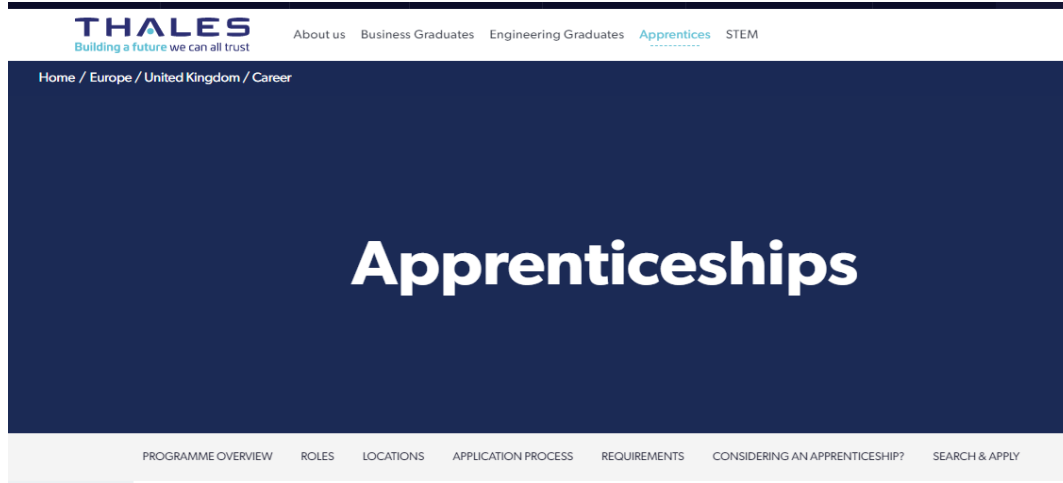
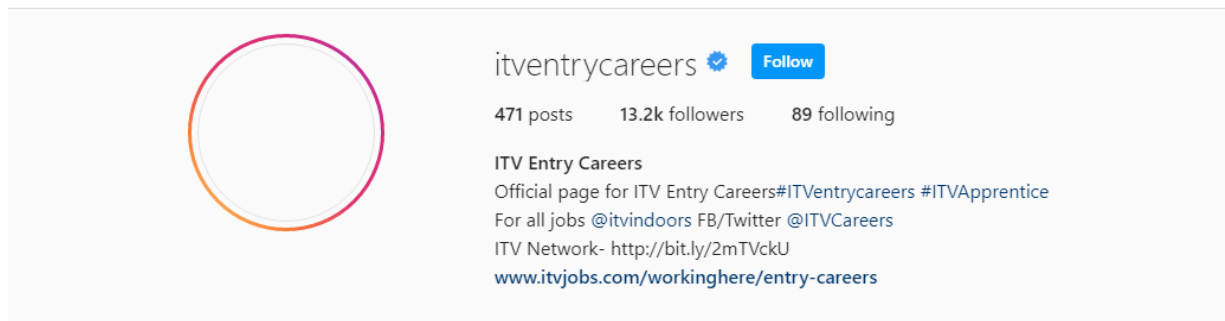


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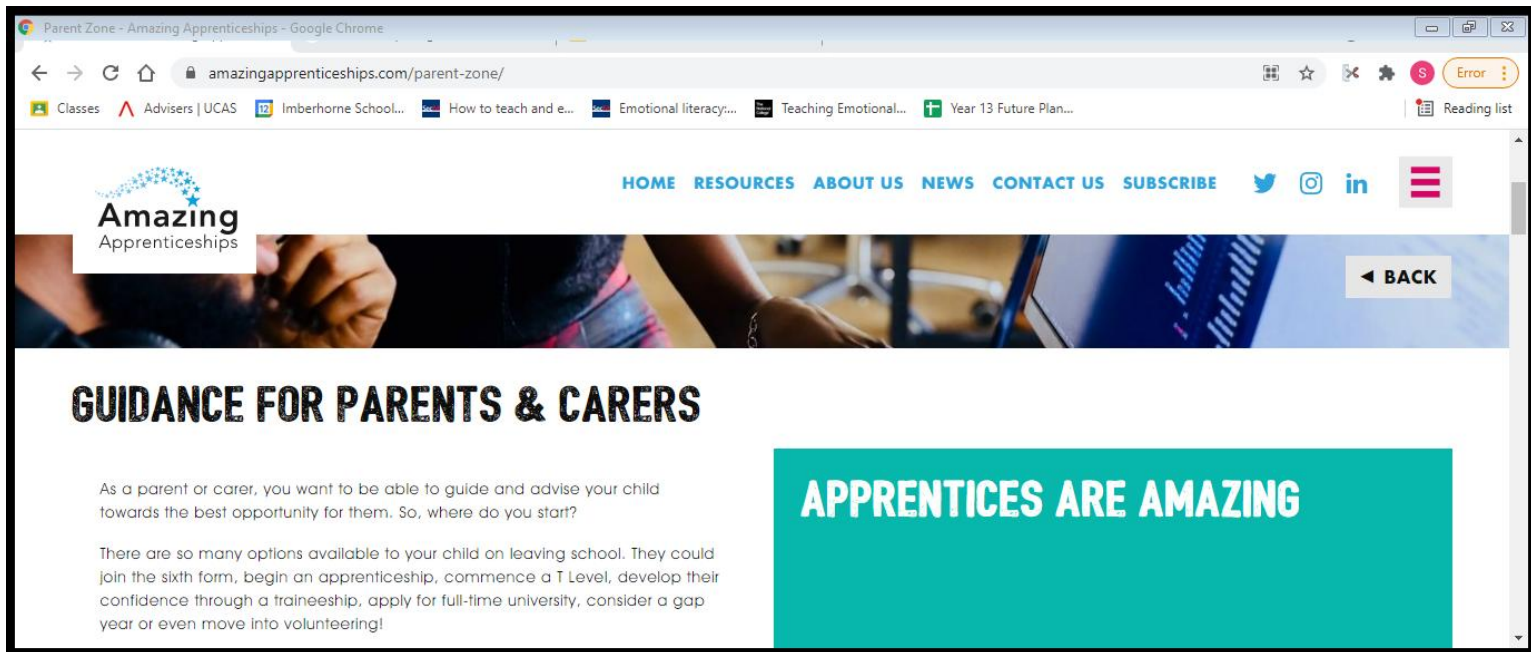
Search for apprenticeships, graduate jobs and internships



INDIVIDUAL COMPANY WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS



AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS — PARENT ZONE



<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/parent-zone/>

Really useful websites!

- **Essential Websites:**

- **GOV.UK Find an Apprenticeship** — official vacancies and alerts:
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
- **UCAS Apprenticeships:** <https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships>
 - **Amazing Apprenticeships:**
<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/>
- **Higherin** — <https://higherin.com/> (formerly RateMyApprenticeship / RateMyPlacement)
- **Not Going To Uni** — <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>
- Individual employer careers pages — always check these too.

Key Tips: Securing an apprenticeship/school leaver programme

- **Search regularly** → opportunities can open and close quickly.
- **Start early:** some 2027 programmes begin recruiting from autumn 2026.
- **Apply for several** suitable vacancies; competition can be high.
- **Tailor every application** to the employer and role.
- Expect online applications, tests, interviews and sometimes assessment centres.
- **Research the employer** and understand the job before applying.
- **Keep a record** of deadlines and application stages.
- If an application is unsuccessful, learn from it and keep applying.



Our LIFE Curriculum Covers:

- Where to look for an apprenticeship
- Application forms / CVs / covering letters
- Video interviews / online tests
- Mock assessment centres / interview practice
- Apprenticeship bulletin — published termly throughout Year 13
- One-to-one careers interviews as required
- Support with researching employers and tracking deadlines

THE NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SHOW

LONDON & SE
SANDOWN PARK, SURREY

- Tuesday 9th February 2027: 10:00–14:30 (plus 15:30–18:00 dedicated parent/carer/individual opening)
- Wednesday 10th February 2027: 10:00–14:00

Sandown Park Racecourse, Surrey

2026/27: What has changed?

- Growth & Skills Levy: apprenticeship funding rules for starts from 1 August 2026 have changed.
- Level 7 funding: from 1 January 2026, government funding is generally limited to 16–21-year-olds, or eligible care leavers / young people with an EHC plan under 25.
- Foundation apprenticeships: expanded in 2026 to additional sectors, including catering & hospitality and retail/service/supply/administration.
- Pay: from April 2026 the apprentice minimum rate is £8.00 per hour where the apprentice rate applies. Employers may pay considerably more.
- Vacancies: 69,820 vacancies were advertised on Find an Apprenticeship between Aug 2025 and Jun 2026, down 23% year-on-year. This is only that service, not the whole market.
- Key message: **start researching now**, build a shortlist, track deadlines and check employer websites as well as the government service.