

National Apprenticeship Week: 5-11 February



Last week was National Apprenticeship Week and we marked it in school in a variety of ways. Subject departments displayed posters reflecting the growing range of available apprenticeship programmes relating to their curricular areas and specialisms, displays in the library moved to correct common misconceptions and address questions, and pupils in High School watched films introducing the apprenticeship pathway and where to find more information.

It is often difficult and time-consuming for parents to remain up-to-date and informed regarding current qualification options and their equivalent levels. Please check on the Resources section of Firefly (click on Subjects and then Careers, and select *Apprenticeships or Information for Parents*) to find links to a range of authoritative websites which will help you to maintain your awareness and start conversations with your sons and daughter about possible next steps.

These websites also offer useful, easy to digest information about apprenticeship programmes:

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

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone/all-questions/useful-links-to-career-related-sites-for-parents>

As always, please contact me in school if you would like to discuss any career matters further.

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