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# Apprenticeship of the week

Monday 5 October 2020

## Police Officer Degree Apprenticeship

**Useful GCSE / BTEC / A level subjects for this career:**

English, Maths, PE, Philosophy & Ethics, Languages, BTEC Sport, - BTEC Extended Diploma in Public Services, BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport

Apprenticeship title:	Description:
<p><b>Police Officer Degree Apprenticeship</b></p>	<p>As a Police Officer Degree Apprentice, you will study whilst you develop in the job role. Lots of your learning will be done digitally. You'll log onto our partner University's system to watch lectures and access learning modules from your computer, without needing to travel to campus on a regular basis.</p> <p>When you're not studying you'll be working alongside your colleagues, on a neighbourhood policing team, on a response team, or in one of our investigations teams.</p>
<p><b>Apprenticeship summary :</b></p>	<p><b>Annual wage</b>            £21,525.00            Your salary will start at £21,525 but increase in your second year to £24,177.</p> <p><b>Working week</b>            The Police Officer Apprenticeship is based on 40 hours per week and will follow a regular policing shift pattern, which will include day, evening, night and weekend working.            Total hours per week: 40.0</p> <p><b>Expected duration</b>            3 Years</p>
<p><b>What you'll do:</b></p>	<p>As a Police Officer Degree Apprentice, you will study whilst you develop in the job role. Lots of your learning will be done digitally. You'll log onto our partner University's system to watch lectures and access learning modules from your computer, without needing to travel to campus on a regular basis.</p> <p>When you're not studying you'll be working alongside your colleagues, on a neighbourhood policing team, on a response team, or in one of our investigations teams.</p> <p>What training will the apprentice take and what qualification will the apprentice get at the end?            You will complete a level 6 degree apprenticeship with Staffordshire University, the West Midlands Police partner for this apprenticeship programme. The off the job training element of the programme will take place within the West Midlands and will be supported by rotations on a neighbourhood policing team, on a response team at the frontline of our emergency service, or in one of our investigations teams – helping to solve some of the most serious crimes and catch those responsible.</p> <p>What is the expected career progression after this apprenticeship?            Once you have successfully completed the 3 year Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship, you will be posted into a Police Constable role within the West Midlands Police force.</p>
<p><b>Skills and Personal Qualities required:</b></p>	<p>Communication skills, IT skills, Attention to detail, Customer care skills, Problem solving skills, Analytical skills, Logical, Team working, Initiative, Non-judgmental, Patience, Physical fitness</p>

<b>Entry requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCSE or equivalent Maths and English (Level 2) (Grade C / 4 or above) Essential</li> <li>• A Level or equivalent any subject at Level 3 eg BTEC Diploma or A Levels (Grade 64 UCAS points or more) Essential</li> </ul>
<b>About the employer:</b>	<p>The West Midlands is one of Europe’s most diverse and challenging policing environments, serving 2.8 million people with around 30 per cent of its population from ethnic minority backgrounds. Birmingham is the youngest city in Europe, with under 25s accounting for 40 per cent of its population. Our values embody what we are, to join us you must have real passion for people and communities and the drive to work alongside local people, building relationships to make a difference.</p> <p><b>Employer</b> West Midlands Police</p> <p> <b>disability</b> <b>confident</b> <a href="#">About disability confident</a></p> <p><a href="https://jobs.west-midlands.police.uk/police-officer-recruitment/">https://jobs.west-midlands.police.uk/police-officer-recruitment/</a></p> <p><b>Address</b> PO Box 52, Birmingham, West Midlands, B4 6NQ</p>
<b>Training provider:</b>	<p><b>Training provider</b> STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY</p> <p><b>Apprenticeship standard</b> Police Constable Level 6 (Degree with honours)</p>

## What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a real job where you learn, gain experience and a qualification and get paid.

You're an employee with a contract of employment and holiday leave. By the end of an apprenticeship, you will have the right skills and knowledge needed for your chosen career.

There are four levels of apprenticeship, intermediate, advanced, higher and degree. It can take between one and six years to complete an apprenticeship depending on which one you choose, what level it is and your previous experience. It's funded from contributions made by the government and your employer.

Apprenticeships are an alternative option after your GCSEs / BTECs at the end of Year 11. To become an apprentice, you must:

- be 16 or over
- not already be in full time education
- spend at least 50% of your working hours in England

If you don't live in England, check out apprenticeship options in [Scotland](#)(Opens in a new window), [Wales](#)(Opens in a new window), or [Northern Ireland](#)(Opens in a new window).

## Useful Links:

There is no one place to find all apprenticeship vacancies. Here are a few links:

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

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/>

<https://www.ga.com/campaigns/virtual-apprenticeships-learn-online>

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/>

<https://whitehat.org.uk/apprentices>

<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>