

# Young Apprenticeships In Engineering



**For 14 to 16-year-olds**  
**A Guide for students and parents**

## **The vision**

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### **WHAT IS A YOUNG APPRENTICESHIP IN ENGINEERING?**

A Young Apprenticeship is a high quality route at Key Stage 4 that offers well motivated pupils of good ability the option to pursue an industry specific vocational programme in engineering outside of school, in partnership with employers and involving an extended work placement.

### **WHY HAVE I BEEN GIVEN THIS LEAFLET?**

Your teacher has identified you as someone who is well motivated and has a keen interest in engineering. You are also on target to achieve the entry requirements of Level 6 in mathematics, science & English and Level 5 ICT in your Year 9 tests.



### **WHAT WILL I MISS AT SCHOOL WHILE I AM WORKING FOR A YOUNG APPRENTICESHIP?**

It is likely you will study for one less GCSE as you will be out of school on the apprenticeship programme for a day each week

### **WHERE WILL I STUDY?**

You will attend NETA Training Group in Stockton on Tees for one day a week. NETA is a Centre of Vocational Excellence for Engineering in the North East. In addition you will have visits and placements to local companies, colleges and universities.

In terms of health, safety and welfare you will be looked after in the same way as employees at NETA.

### **HOW LONG DOES THE PROGRAMME LAST?**

The programme lasts for two years, from the beginning of Year 10 to the end of Year 11.



### **WHAT EQUIPMENT WILL I NEED?**

All equipment will be provided.

### **HOW WILL I TRAVEL TO NETA AND THE EMPLOYER?**

You will normally make your own arrangements

### **IF I AM SUCCESSFUL WHERE WILL A YOUNG APPRENTICESHIP LEAD?**

These qualifications, together with your GCSE's form the basis of a Apprenticeship at Foundation level and would give you an accelerated Level 3 route through to the Advanced Apprenticeship In engineering You may of course, also chose to continue in education and progress to further or higher education.

### WHAT SUPPORT WILL I RECEIVE?

You will have an assessor who will work with the employer to assess your NVQ in the work place. NETA together with A4e staff will offer careers advice and guidance at various stages of the programme. You will be visited regularly at NETA by a teacher who will check your progress and help with any problems you may have.

### WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE THE COURSE?

There will be a three-week induction programme which will include training in health and safety. At the end of this period you, your parents / guardians and your teachers will review how things are going and you and your parents / guardians will be asked to sign a Vocational learning agreement at this during time.

### WHO WILL PAY FOR THE COURSE?

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) is funding the programme for each Young Apprentice. You will not have to pay anything.

### WHAT DO I DO NOW IF I AM INTERESTED?

Collect an application form from your teacher and return it to your teacher who will forward it, with a supporting application to NETA Training Group for consideration. If your initial application is successful you and your parents / guardian will be invited to attend an information interview with NETA.



### WHEN WILL I GO ON WORK EXPERIENCE?

50 days work experience is timetabled over the 2 year Programme and will be spent in an engineering environment, organised by NETA and TVEP (Tees Valley Engineering Partnership)

### WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GAIN?

NVQ (National Vocational Qualification) in Performing Engineering Operations at Level 2. (Worth 6 A -C grade GCSE's)

*\*National Vocational Qualifications are qualifications that employers want because they are based on skills learned in the workplace.*



### **CAN I GET FURTHER INFORMATION?**

- ❖ Discuss this with your teacher.
- ❖ Contact: Mr. Jan Marciniak (Head of 14 – 19 Development) or Miss Sian Cameron (14 – 19 Vocational Administrator) at NETA Training Group on 01642 373034 or 01642 373030
- ❖ Ask A4e staff about progression opportunities and labour market information on engineering.
- ❖ Look up college and university courses.
- ❖ Look up information on the new structure of Apprenticeships and the launch of the Young Apprenticeship Scheme on the DFES website [www.dfes.org.uk/14-19](http://www.dfes.org.uk/14-19) and on the Learning and Skills Council's Apprenticeships website [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

## **THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL YOUNG LEARNERS**

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