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Finished your
advanced
apprenticeship
and unsure of
what to do next?

Have you thought
about higher
education?

Having completed an apprenticeship, you have a wide range of opportunities available to you. Many universities and colleges accept apprenticeships as a qualification to lead you onto a higher education course.

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Craven
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ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE

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University

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► Why higher education?

According to government findings, individuals who hold a higher education qualification earn on average £100,000 more than those who do not over the course of their working lives. Higher education is the gateway to promotion and a higher salary, meaning that the benefits outweigh the initial cost of going back into learning after your apprenticeship. As well as the overall financial gain, students who have returned to education often feel that the experience is rewarding on both a personal and professional level.

► What can I study?

HNC/HND

HNCs (Higher National Certificates) and HNDs (Higher National Diplomas) are qualifications which prepare students for work in a certain field. HNCs last for one year and HNDs last two. After completion of either of these, you could enter employment in your specialised field, or continue with higher education in the form of an honours degree, which you would enter the second or third year of, depending on whether you have an HNC or HND. An HNC/HND typically costs £6,000 per year if studied full time.

HONOURS DEGREE

An honours degree is the most popular kind of degree – offering an extremely wide variety of different disciplines which you could choose from. Although A levels are the most common way to access an honours degree, applicants with apprenticeships and relevant work experience will also be considered. Honours degrees typically cost between £6,000 - £9,000 per year.

FOUNDATION DEGREE

This incorporates a work experience element as well as further study into your preferred area. A foundation degree usually lasts two years if you study full-time, and foundation degree students are still eligible for the same financial support as other higher education students. If you complete the course successfully, you can do a further 'top-up' year that will make your final degree an honours one. Foundation degrees typically cost £6,000 per year if studied full time.

HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP

A higher apprenticeship is similar to other levels of apprenticeship, in that it allows you to study whilst you undertake practical on-the-job training. You might study for one day a week, or full-time for a block of several weeks. Higher apprenticeships are available across a wide range of subject areas and job roles. Some higher apprenticeships incorporate qualifications such as Foundation or Honours degrees.

► Other Routes

If you find that the university or college you're interested in doesn't accept apprenticeships as qualifications for entry, there are other routes you can try such as doing an **Access course** or **Extended Degree**. Likewise, if you have not completed an advanced apprenticeship, you may wish to consider an Access course as a way of accessing a higher education course.

For more information on courses available locally see: www.higheryork.org/study

Maintenance Loans

Loans of up to £5,555 per year. These are available to most students, although how much you get may depend on your finances.

Scholarships and Bursaries

These are offered by universities and colleges. For more details, contact the institution you are considering applying to.

Disabled Students' Allowances

These are available to students with a disability, long-term health condition or specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia. These are calculated according to your individual needs, not your income.

► Funding

There are a number of ways that the government and any institution you attend may help you to fund your higher education qualification. These include:

Tuition Fee Loans

Loans to cover the whole cost of your course. These are not repayable until you are earning £21,000.

Adult Dependants' Grant

If you live with a partner who depends on you financially.

Maintenance Grants

Grants are means-assessed and do not need to be repaid.

Parents' Learning Allowance and Childcare Grant

If you have children.

More information about available funding can be found at: www.higheryork.org/study