

# Careers News February



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## Apprenticeship and Recruitment Event

11 February 2025, 2pm- 5pm

Civic Centre, Arnot Hill Park, NG5 6LU

Gedling Borough Council and Arnold Job Centre are inviting people to come to our apprenticeship and recruitment event to find out more about apprenticeship opportunities, meet employers and access career advice all in one place.

Apprenticeships are open to everyone and there are many opportunities available so come and speak to one of our advisors and see what next steps you can take.

**No booking required, just turn up on the day.**

Find out more: [www.gedling.gov.uk/events](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/events)

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## Opportunity for Parents and Students

### Apprenticeship Information Event

VISION West Nottinghamshire College

Wednesday 12 February 2025 | 5.30pm - 7.30pm  
Derby Road (NG18 5BH)

## APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION EVENT

**Book your place now!**

Book today and come along to find out for yourself how West Notts College is a great place to learn, make friends and start the next chapter in your exciting future.

[Book now](#)

## Careers at JWS key dates.

Whole School

3rd-11th of February National Apprenticeship Week - tutor time activities.

Year 10 continue to arrange work experience placements.

## UNIFROG spot light feature-

Did you know that you can search for apprenticeships through UNIFROG?

You can search in 110 different industries.

You can set the distance from your home

Once you have found an apprenticeship that interest you, you can click on it for all of the key information including the training provider.

**Apprenticeships** (0 shortl

Any of these Standards interest you?

Select up to 10 at a time by clicking the Standards you like.

[Start >](#)



Adult Care Work Apprentice - Intermediate



Employer: STEP FORWARD (NOTTINGHAM) LTD



Training Provider: P.T.P. TRAINING LIMITED

# Staff at JWS who have completed an apprenticeship

**What did you do when you left year 11?** I went onto sixth form at the Joseph Whitaker School to do my A levels, after that I worked for a logistics company for 6 months then went on to work at JWS being a Teaching Assistant. This year I have started on an apprenticeship at West Notts College to become a qualified teaching assistant.

**What is your job role/ main duties?** When I started I was in lessons supporting the teacher to make sure that if any students struggle they can access the work, whereas now I am now in the LINC where I make sure the students are accessing work and also making sure that they are feeling okay.

**Why did you do an apprenticeship rather than higher education?** I did an apprenticeship because I was already working in this job but to become qualified I would have had to leave to go to college, so doing the apprenticeship has meant that I can carry on working full time.

**What are the advantages of doing an apprenticeship?**

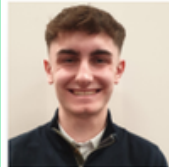
The main advantage of doing an apprenticeship is that you can work whilst studying, this has meant that I can carry on earning money whilst becoming qualified. Working alongside the learning has also meant that I have understood most of the work straight away as I am writing about the things I do each day rather than having to learn something which I have never done before.

**Where do you see yourself being in 5 years time following on from doing your apprenticeship?** I would like to carry on progressing in the field which I am currently working in turn becoming more qualified and experienced.



**Mr Clarridge**

**Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship**



**Level 3 teaching assistant qualification at West Nottinghamshire college**

After year 11, I went to work in a supermarket while doing a level 2 technical certificate in joinery at West Nottinghamshire College. I chose to do the apprenticeship as it is a way for me to progress in my career while also earning a full-time wage. I enjoy the apprenticeship as it allows me to learn on the job as well as academically. In five years, I hope to be on the path to being a secondary teacher in technology.



**Mr Colledge**

**Level 3 supporting teaching and learning within schools**

**Job Role: Learning Support Assistant (LSA)**

**Post year 11:** Went to 6<sup>th</sup> form for 2 years while also working part time at both Wheelgate and Sam's Workplace

**Why the apprenticeship:** It was more convenient for me to do the apprenticeship while I was still working and earning a wage.

**Advantages:** Earning while learning, able to put what you have learnt into practice and learning more practically with others of the same interest.

**Where do I see myself in 5 years:** Hopefully a teacher!!!

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## My Apprenticeship journey

My name is Miss Smart and I joined The Joseph Whitaker School as an apprentice in 2022.

My apprenticeship qualification was **Level 3 Business and Administration**, which I completed by having my Admin and reprographics role within school.

When I left year 11 I dreamt of being an interior designer, going to art college and eventually joining the world of art and design. I decided I was going to move away to Bristol to attend their art and design college course at SGS college which was where I thought my career journey was going to start.

I completed my two years at SGS doing art and design at level 3. There were times that I loved but also times that I hated. As I progressed I learnt that these feelings were normal.

The further through the course I got the more I realised that it wasn't for me, I believed that this was my dream profession and stuck with my choices as I wanted to earn this qualification but I eventually knew that this was no longer the path I wanted to go down for my future.

While in college I was in many part time jobs doing housekeeping, sales in retail and being an assistant manager in retail as well.

After having experience in retail, I learnt to love working with customers and providing an appreciated service to the public. This made me look wider into what else the world of employment has to offer.

I was recommended apprenticeships which I wasn't so sure about at first as it meant learning a new course all over again. However, I didn't let this narrow-minded thought stop me.

I came across the Administration and Reprographics job role advertised for The Joseph Whitaker School I was warmed to this job as I came to the Joseph Whitaker school as a student from year 7 to 11 which made me feel more comfortable in joining back as a staff member.

As I progressed through my apprenticeship I realised that they are an opportunity to work and earn money at the same time but they also come with so many advantages. One being that you can gain experience from working which goes on your CV, another one being that your learning while working.

I did struggle balancing the practical work load with the theory written work. Never let this stop you, I kept going no matter how hard I found it, I had the best support from my college tutor and my line manager in work and this is what helped me get to the end.

Working well and building connections between your work colleges and your college tutors and work providers is what will help you the most through your apprenticeship. My work colleges helped me with advice and knowledge for me to use in my written theory and my college tutor was there to support me when times were tough. I was provided with all the help I needed with extra classes via virtual meetings and masterclasses that are part of your study within college that provide you with the knowledge you need for your theory booklets.

In the next 5 years I hope to have gained a lot more experience and skills within my job role. Allowing me to be able to move on to a more complex role either within this school business or elsewhere.

Overall an apprenticeship is very rewarding in terms of providing you with work skills and knowledge along with a qualification at the end of it. It is also an option for people who feel like college is not the place they want to be full time. The majority of apprenticeships include part time college work but can be virtual so students aren't always expected to attend face to face. College is also normally one day a week where you are expected to complete theory work, along with using your own time to catch up if work takes up a lot of your time through the week.