

FRAMEWORKS

East Lothian Council's Foundation Apprenticeships are available in a wide range of growth industries. These include:

ACCOUNTANCY

BUSINESS SKILLS

IT: SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGIES

SOCIAL SERVICES CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



For additional Foundation Apprenticeship programmes offered by Edinburgh College, please visit:

<https://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/courses/for-school-pupils>

WHY HAVE FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS BEEN DEVELOPED?

We can't expect young people to walk into a job fully formed, unless we give them a helping hand while they're still at school. Foundation Apprenticeships have been designed to support our younger generations as they move into the world of work by providing them with essential transferable skills, whilst addressing employers' skills requirements.

Foundation Apprenticeships are the chance for a young person to get a head start on their career within key industries which have current and predicted job opportunities.

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EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL'S FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS 2023-2025

**Information for Pupils,
Parents and Staff**



WHAT IS A FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP?

Foundation Apprenticeships are industry-recognised qualifications that offer pupils the chance to study and learn as they work with local employers while still at school. They provide young people with early exposure to the world of work by undertaking an industry placement in their second year, where they can develop the skills, experience, and knowledge that they will need for their future.

WHAT LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION WILL I GAIN?

A Foundation Apprenticeship is an SCQF Level 6 qualification which is the equivalent to an SQA Higher. The key difference is that you will be learning through experience and you are assessed throughout the course, so there is no final exam. Foundation Apprenticeship students will gain an NPA award on their first year, and an SVQ award on their second year, making up the full Foundation Apprenticeship.



WHERE CAN A FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP TAKE ME?

Foundation Apprenticeships build transferable skills and knowledge that can be applied to many different career paths and opportunities. Young people undertaking a Foundation Apprenticeship can:

- Enter directly into the job market due to the advantage provided by having a significant amount of work experience.
- Gain a competitive edge when applying for Modern Apprenticeships due to prior knowledge learnt.
- Gain an increased likelihood of gaining entry to college courses: many colleges accept direct entry onto courses for students with a Foundation Apprenticeship qualification.
- Gain an increased likelihood of gaining entry to university courses: some universities see Foundation Apprenticeships as two Highers, rather than one.

THE FOUNDATION APPRENTICE SCHEME HAS PROVED TO BE AN EXCELLENT WAY OF FINDING NEW TALENT AND BRINGING KEEN NEW BLOOD INTO OUR WELL ESTABLISHED TEAM.

FA EMPLOYER

THE WORK EXPERIENCE I DID GAVE ME A LOT TO TALK ABOUT IN JOB INTERVIEWS. I WAS ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE KEY SKILLS THE EMPLOYER WAS LOOKING FOR.

LUCY, FORMER BUSINESS SKILLS STUDENT

IT'S BECOMING VERY CLEAR THAT THE FA PROGRAMME IS SUITED TO A WIDE RANGE OF STUDENTS – NOT ONLY DOES IT OPEN THE DOOR TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES STRAIGHT FROM SCHOOL, IT IS AN EXCELLENT EXPERIENCE FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO INTEND TO STUDY THEIR SUBJECT FURTHER AT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

DAVID, SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGIES CO-ORDINATOR

