



National Apprenticeship Week 5th -11th February 2024



Planning your future can seem daunting. Training as an apprentice is the perfect way to earn while you learn.

The following celebrities started their journeys as apprentices before they achieved global fame.

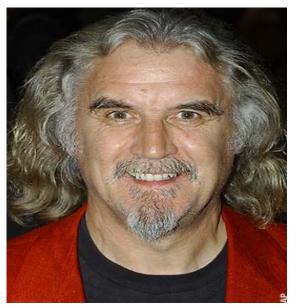




Elvis Presley

The famous singer songwriter trained as an electrician apprentice before his rise to fame.





Billy Connolly

Connolly left school at the age of 15 to start an apprenticeship as a welder in a shipyard. He went on to be a successful comedian, actor and author.





Jamie Oliver

The influential chef who started out as an apprentice in catering, is a highly respected campaigner for healthy eating and school dinners.





Eric Clapton

Arguably one of the best guitarists ever, Eric Clapton completed a vocational course in stained glass design before turning to music.





'Mona Lisa' by Leonardo de Vinci

The Mona Lisa is one of the most famous paintings in history – drawn by a former apprentice painter. The Italian, who was also a scientist, was a powerful figure from the 15th century.





Gordon Ramsay

The successful TV chef started his culinary career as a catering apprentice.





Alexander McQueen

He was a famous and highly respected fashion designer who started out as an apprentice tailor.





David Beckham

Before becoming one of football's living legends, David Beckham took his first steps in his iconic football career by becoming an apprentice at the Youth Football Training Scheme at Manchester United.





Ross Brawn

From engineer apprentice to F1 team boss, Brawn is currently the team principal of Mercedes GP F1 team.





Sir Alex Ferguson

He was an apprentice tool worker on a shipyard (the same shipyard in Glasgow as Connolly!) whilst playing football part time at the beginning of his career.





John Frieda

You've probably heard of his hair products; John Frieda is a celebrity hairdresser that started his career with an apprenticeship in hairdressing.



Top ten apprenticeship employers 2024

- Savills (Real Estate)
- Inspire ATA (Apprenticeship Provider)
- Pearson (Publishing)
- Whitbred (Hospitality)
- WTW (Insurance)
- Mitchells & Butlers (Hospitality)
- Boeing
- British Airways
- Balfour Beatty (Construction)
- Softcat (IT)



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