

DIGITAL APPRENTICE - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is an Apprenticeship?

An Apprenticeship is a work based training programme which combines on the job experience and formal learning and within a specific sector - in this case creative and media.

What is a “Higher” Apprenticeship?

Higher Apprenticeships lead to a Level 4 qualification - the equivalent of the first year of a Bachelors Degree. (Intermediate Apprenticeships are at Level 2 - GCSE equivalent, Advanced Apprenticeships are at Level 3 - A-level equivalent.)

Why should I do an Apprenticeship? Why not university?

You will be paid at least national minimum wage and your training costs will be covered. At the end of the programme you will gain a level 4 diploma, which is equivalent to the first year of a university course.

The Digital Apprenticeship will give you the latest skills that employers are looking for now, so you can be sure that you will be more employable as a result of the programme.

What will Hyper Island do, what will you teach me?

Hyper Island have over 15 years experience of delivering industry designed and delivered learning for young people wanting to work in digital.

You will be shown tools and techniques to help collaboration and creativity, develop skills that will prepare you for working in a professional environment, and take part in group projects and workshops that will help develop the specialist skills needed for your chosen discipline.

If I get on the programme, who will I be employed by?

Some of the employers currently involved in the apprenticeship are

- Code Computerlove
- Laterooms.com
- Magnetic North
- Manchester City Council
- Igniso

These diverse organisations all work with digital all in different ways, but want to innovate and develop young talent to help them do so.

Are there any exams?

There are no formal exams. The majority of the work is assessed in the workplace by observation.

Is there any course work or assessment outside of the work I'll do with my employer?

Yes, there will be project work over the programme and you will be given assessed tasks during Hyper Island sessions.

What happens once I finish the Apprenticeship?

All the employers we are working with have entered into the programme with the desire to develop talent. It's possible that you will be offered a further contract once the Apprenticeship is complete, but that decision is up to the individual employer.

What is certain is that you will have a Level 4 qualification and over a year's professional experience.

How much will I get paid?

All apprentices will be paid at least national minimum wage relevant to their age. Certain employers may choose to pay more.