

Step 2 - Meet the Apprentices

Teachers notes

Learners will meet real Apprentices and gain insight to make an informed decision.

Ages

14 + Years Old

Duration

20 Minutes

What You Need

Internet connection

Pen & paper

Introduction

Students will hear some real stories of the path to becoming and being an Apprentice. They will reflect on what questions they would ask Lucy or Tayla about their experiences.

Learning Outcomes

- All learners will be able to write a list of questions about being an Apprentice they would like answered.
- Most learners will be able to summarise their key questions into a draft email format.
- Some learners will be able to construct a professional email to an employer/apprentice that include their questions.

Activity

While they are watching the case studies, ask the students to note down any questions they would want to ask. They need to reflect on what is important for them to know in order to make a decision about choosing an Apprenticeship.

In this activity you will also want them to practise constructing an appropriate well formed email.

Tips you may want to share with your students about constructing a well written email:

1. Choose a clear subject line.
2. Begin with a greeting.
3. State your purpose.
4. Close with a professional signature.
5. Proofread.

Please note: Tayla has supplied her email address at the end of her video, and is happy to receive emails from your students.

Reflection Activity

Ask the students to work in pairs, share their emails and discuss one thing they think can be improved and one thing they think was done well.

Additional Resources:

Please use this link to demonstrate a good example of a well written professional email:

<https://aspire-higher.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Example-professional-email.pdf>

You may want to share some more Apprentices stories and they can be accessed here - <https://youtu.be/7kLa8VmUqVY>