

October 2025

## Higher Level Apprenticeship Fair - Thursday 6 November 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The North Down Area Learning Community has arranged a Higher Level Apprenticeship (HLA) Fair on Thursday 6 November, taking place at Regent House School. This event is open to pupils in Years 12 to 14 and their parents/guardians.

Higher Level Apprenticeships offer a fantastic opportunity for individuals to gain advanced qualifications while working in a paid job, usually with no tuition fees and no student debt. One of the key advantages of a Higher Level Apprenticeship is that it allows you to earn while you learn, providing practical experience alongside academic study. The combination of learning on the job and developing key employability skills can make an HLA student highly attractive to employers, as they develop both the theoretical knowledge, and the hands-on skills needed in their field. An HLA offers a progressive career pathway, potentially advancing to higher qualifications and roles within the student's chosen industry.

### Important Information for Attendees:

**Booking is essential** – please use the QR code on the attached poster to reserve your place and select a time slot:

- 4:00–5:00pm
- 5:00–6:00pm
- 6:00–7:30pm

### Entry requirements:

- Pupils must attend in school uniform
- Preferably bring proof of booking
- Year 12 pupils are expected to be accompanied by a parent/guardian

The event aims to encourage pupils to explore HLAs as a realistic and rewarding alternative to traditional Higher Education after Sixth Form. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in informative conversations with exhibitors and learn more about the career paths available.

Please find attached:

- The event poster with the QR code for booking
- A list of exhibitors, including the industries they represent and details about their organisations

We hope you find this event valuable and look forward to welcoming you at Regent House School on Thursday 6 November at the Higher Level Apprenticeship Fair.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Walker  
Head of Careers

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