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**Swakeleys Apprenticeship Newsletter**

**Welcome to the February edition** of the Swakeleys ‘Apprenticeship Newsletter’.

**Highlights** this month are the imminent application deadlines for prestigious businesses such as *Goldman Sachs* (the world’s #1 investment bank), *BBC*, *Civil Service ’Fast Track’*, *Unilever*, *BT*, *TfL*, *Ogilvy* (advertising), *Santander*’s corporate/commercial banking division, *GlaxoSmithKlein (GSK*) and in civil engineering *BalfourBeatty* and *Atkins Global*.

To view these and find other Apprenticeship vacancies, go to the official Apprenticeship website: <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>. We also recommend you look at the first (October) edition of this Newsletter, which has detailed guidance on how and where to search for Apprenticeships.

We hope you find this edition useful!

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**Breaking News…..**

The application deadline for Degree Apprenticeships with one of the UK’s most prestigious law firms is fast approaching: **Kennedys is 28th February**. This is aimed at high achieving Yr13, A Level students with predicted grades of at least ABB. Via this route you will be awarded a Law Degree and full, qualified Solicitor status.

For excellent advice on careers in Law and making successful applications visit the Lawyer Portal: <https://www.thelawyerportal.com/>

The global Pharmaceutical/Healthcare giant, **GSK plc**, which has its global headquarters in Brentford/Stockley Park has already started its annual Apprenticeship recruitment programme for the scientific, engineering and commercial/business divisions at Advanced-Higher-Degree levels. Another international Pharmaceutical company, **Lanza Biologics**, is recruiting Lab Scientists for it’s R&D function.

Advanced, Higher and Degree Apprenticeships combine work with study and usually incorporate an academic qualification and/or a relevant professional qualification.

Tuition and all training fees are paid by your employer and the government, whilst you learn and earn a salary from day one.

Major UK and International companies such as the **BBC**, IT consultants **CapGemini** and **Deloitte**, the government’s **Civil Service** (Fast Track), global accountants **EY**, investment banks **Goldman Sachs,** **JP Morgan** and **Santander**, **Transport for London**, Consumer Goods & Healthcare giant **Unilever**, global consultants **Tata Communications** and engineering/construction giant **Atkins Global** have opened their Apprenticeship applications process.

To find out more about these and other Higher/Degree Apprenticeships go to the publication below and then individual company websites.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeship-vacancies>

**Types of Opportunities**

**Higher and Degree Apprenticeships** are now available across a wide range of professions and jobs. Those currently being recruited (with Application ***Deadlines of 28 February***) include Human Resources, Civil Engineers, Accountants, Cyber Security, Procurement, Chartered Surveyor, Marketing, Software Engineer, Accountants & Quantity Surveyors, Solicitors, Project Managers, Data Analysts and Research Scientists.

These are all well paid apprenticeships with **excellent employers** leading to professional careers with **fabulous earning potential**.They are **highly competitive**, requiring carefully crafted applications (at least as much attention as a Personal Statement) – of which all Swakeleys’ 6th Formers are capable!

**Local Opportunities**

**Dental Nurse** Advanced Apprenticeship is available in Northwood (Northwood Hills Dental Practice). This is ideal for Yr11 or 6th Form students with Grade 4s in Science GCSE and/or Passes in H&SC.

**B&S Healthcare** in Ruislip is recruiting an Advanced Apprentice in its R&D Laboratory.

**BMW** is recruiting Intermediate & Advanced Apprentices at its Heathrow dealership. **VW** for Advanced Apprentices at its Ruislip (Citygate) dealership.

There are several local Nurseries recuiting at Intermediate and Advanced Level for **Childcare & Nursery Assistants** – ideal for Yr11 & 6th Form H&SC or Childcare students.

To find more local opportunities, like the ones quoted above, use the <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/> website.

Search for ‘**Intermediate**’, **‘Advanced’** or **‘Higher/Degree’** apprenticeships (depending on your qualification level this summer: GCSEs or A Level/BTEC) and select the distance from home (eg ‘within 2 miles’ or ‘within 5 miles’).

For Apprenticeship vacancies in central London, expand the distance to ‘within 10 miles’.