Apprenticeships provide focused and applied training, which is particularly useful if your child has shown a strong interest in a job or particular career path

Not everyone is suited to university style learning and apprenticeships may provide your child with a more practical approach to obtaining qualifications

Apprenticeships develop key transferable skills, which are considered lacking in the labour market

Gaining work experience and on the job training may provide your child with a competitive advantage when applying for full time employment. However, balancing the demands of study, completing course work and holding down a job is not easy

Degree apprenticeships offer the chance to gain a BA or BSc without incurring the debts associated with studying at university



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With over 1,500 different degree titles, traditional degrees offer far greater variety in the choice of courses, subjects and modules available. Traditional degrees enable students to study subject areas that interest them and to tailor their degree during their study by opting for certain modules as their interests evolve

University degree courses tend to be relatively open and provide a springboard to a range of career prospects after graduation

University will allow your child to move away from home and begin independent living in a safe environment. There will be many opportunities to gain new friends and develop new hobbies through the vast array of societies and clubs most universities offer

Low interest loans, scholarships and bursaries are provided by the government, but it is likely that a full time student will graduate with a sizeable debt; however, this will not need to be repaid unless they earn a minimum level of income after they have graduated