

Portsmouth City Council

# APPRENTICESHIPS ARE THEY FOR ME?

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**Learn.**  
**Grow.**

# What is an Apprenticeship

- **Around 6 hours per week is dedicated to new learning (off the job training) this may include attending College or University, shadowing colleagues or completing online training**
- **Apprenticeship length and start dates vary**
- **Gain a qualification between level 2 and level 7**
- **End Point Assessment**



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# Funding & Eligibility

- **Apprenticeships are for all ages**
- **You can still study for an apprenticeship even if you have other qualifications.**
- **Apprentices must be living in the UK for the past 3 years.**
- **Apprentices must not be studying for another qualification through the department of education.**



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# Why should I do an Apprenticeship



- **Great opportunity to change career path.**
- **You earn whilst you learn.**
- **Costs - No university fees to pay – Fully funded qualification.**
- **Gain a recognised qualification.**
- **Better job prospects as you gain the workplace experience not just the qualification. One of the most essential skills in any workplace is networking and connecting with people.**
- **You can progress to other higher level apprenticeship qualifications giving you a clear career pathway.**
- **Develop your skills, boost your CV and increase your earning potential.**



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# When is the best time to do an Apprenticeship

- **When you feel you can commit to the programme alongside your work.**
  - **Making sure you have your English and maths qualifications for the level of the apprenticeship is an advantage. This can be completed alongside the apprenticeship, but it is more work. You will need to produce your certification.**
- **Apprenticeship Levels 2-5 – There are different start dates depending on the apprenticeship you want to take.**
- **Higher Levels 6-7 Apprenticeships can run with the academic year although universities have usually a couple of intake times per year. You would start applying three to four months prior to this.**
- **Most providers offer a roll on roll off programme with various start dates throughout the year.**



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# Sample of Apprenticeships in Schools

- ▶ **Teaching Assistant L3**
- ▶ **Teachers L6**
- ▶ **Business Administrator L3**
- ▶ **Digital Support Technician L3**
- ▶ **Early years practitioner L2**
- ▶ **Early years Educator L3**
- ▶ **Early years Lead Practitioner L4**
- ▶ **Playworker L2**



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# How can I start an Apprenticeship



All apprenticeships available or in development across England:

- [Apprenticeship search / Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education](#)

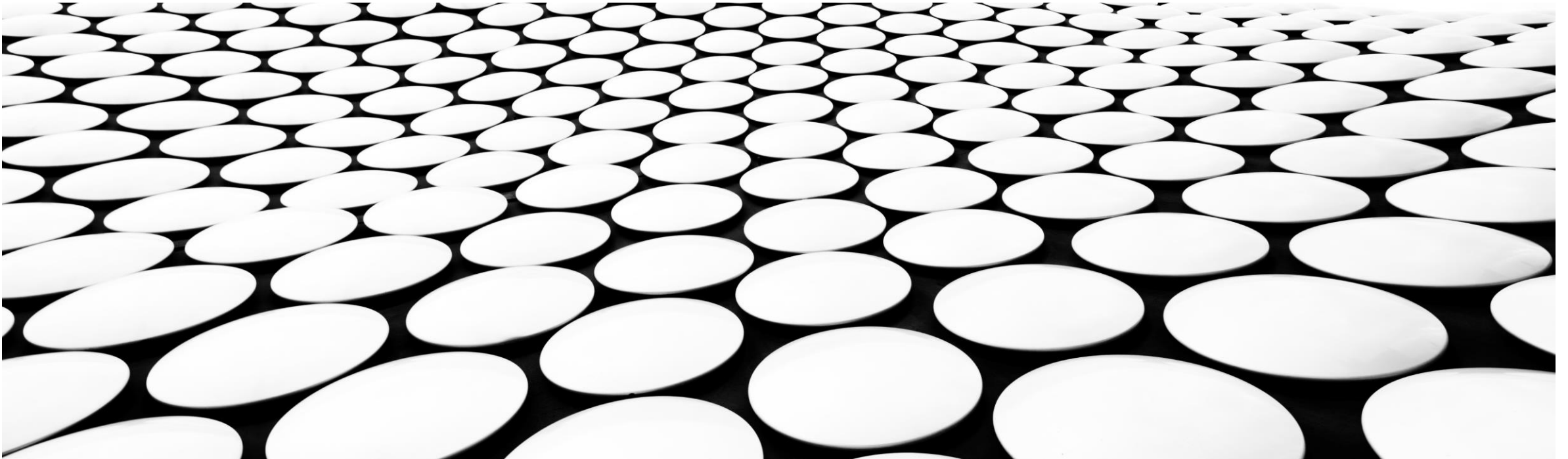
How to apply for apprenticeships:

- [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Search on companies' websites for apprenticeship jobs



# Why an apprenticeship when you are already working in a school?

By Nicci Sawdy (Digital Champion)

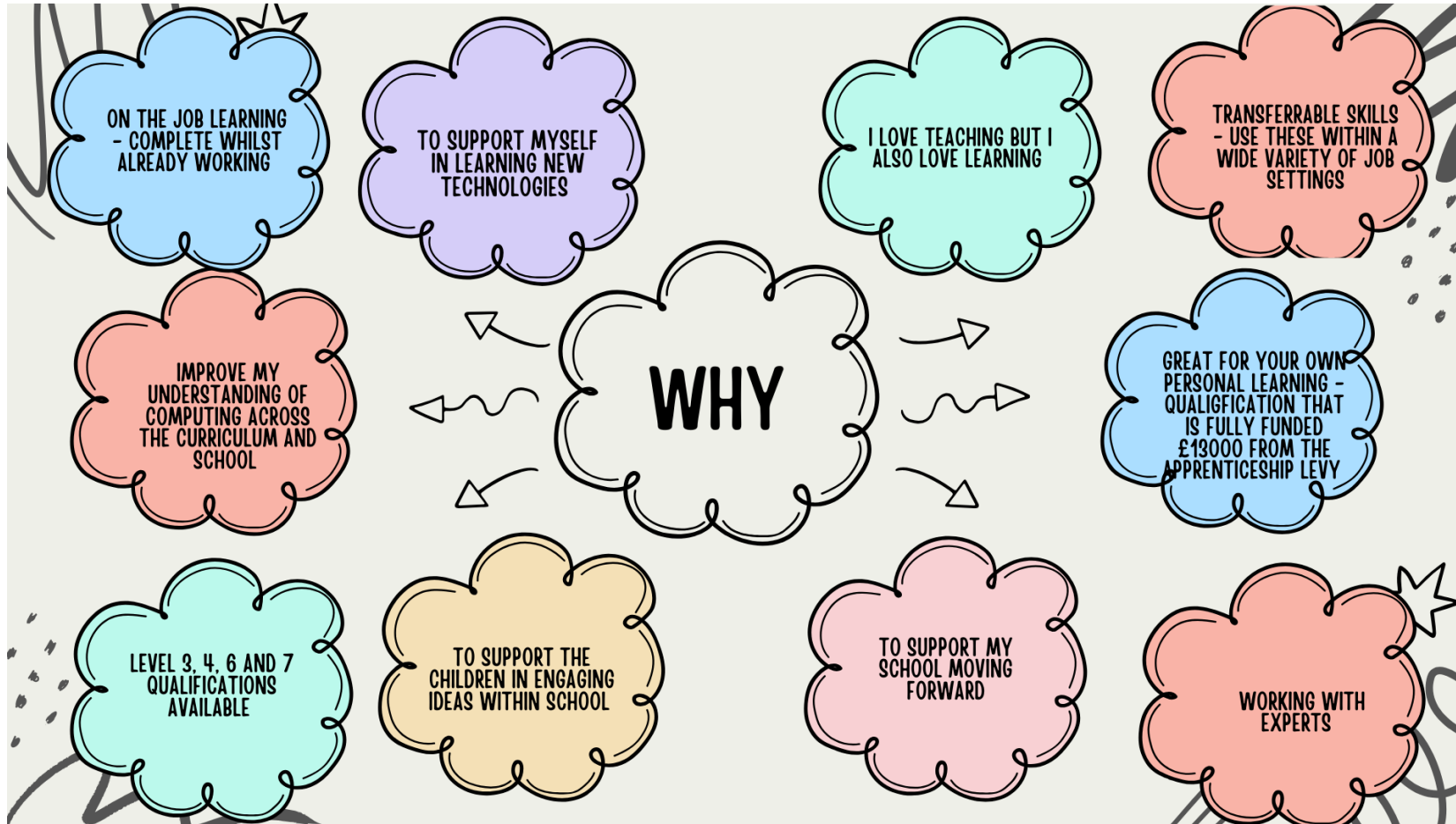


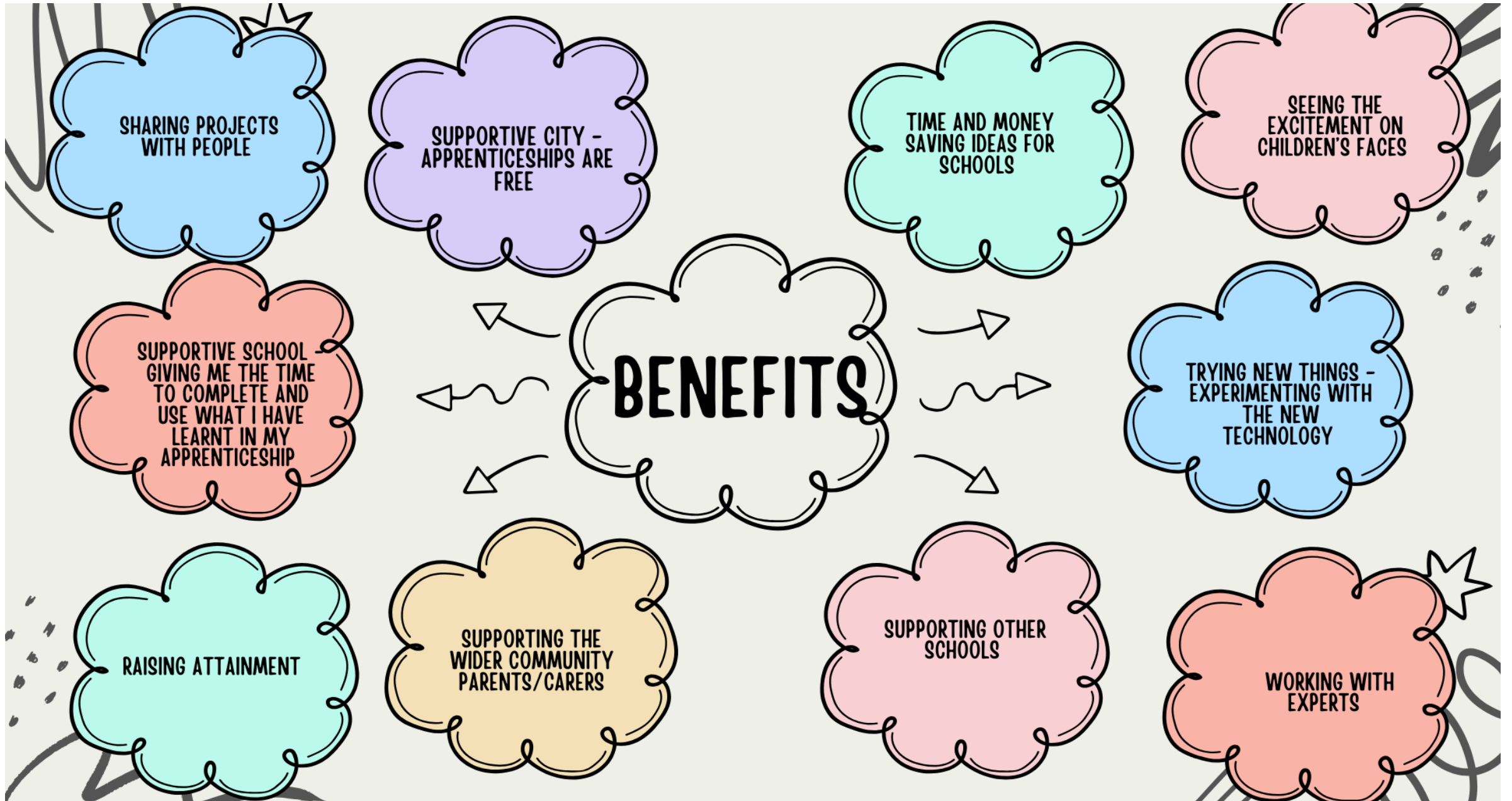


# Little bit about me

- Nicci Sawdy
- Primary School Teacher
- 17years at St Paul's Catholic Primary School Paulsgrove
- Digital Champion – working to promote computing and raising achievement using computing as tool for accessibility
- Subject leader of computing within my primary school
- Part of Portsmouth Digital Strategy – Gemma Gwilliam leading

# Why did I choose an apprenticeship?





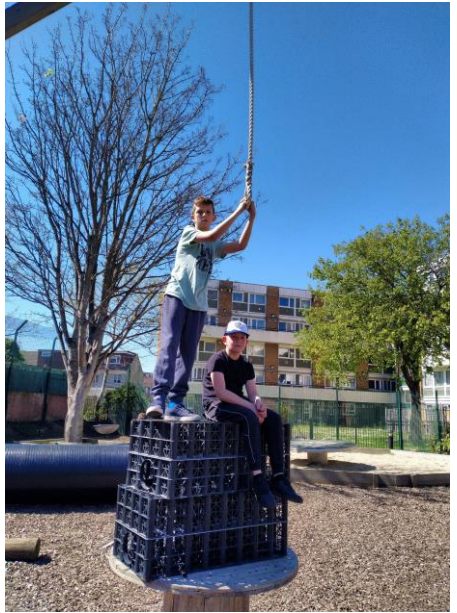


# Apprenticeships with PYC

Julia Potter

# Play, Youth & Community (PYC)

- 6 staffed Adventure Playgrounds
- 5 Youth Clubs
- RANT Music Studio
- Outreach work
- SEN Provision for young people
- 4 Community Centres





## Apprenticeships with PYC

- Playworker L2
- Youth Worker L3 & L6
- Children Young People & Families L4 & L5
- Manager L5
- Customer Service L2 & L3
- Business Administrator L3
- Team Leader L3





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