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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

Here we are, in a blink, another half term has gone! For our Year 11 parents, the same might be said of your child's school career — and haven't they been amazing. Our final half-term series of interventions are taking place over the break before the final exams and then, of course, prom. We have finalised the Year 10 mock timetable; this will be sent out for students.

There's been some fun activities taking place this week to reward students showing our Woodside student pillar of Ready to Achieve. Points were doubled and extra lollies awarded. After the holiday, we are introducing a system where students get an additional five praise points if they have no conduct, and teachers will be operating class legends per lesson which will also give an additional five praise points.

Doing the right thing, day in, day out, is worth celebrating. Do check your child's Class Charts progress and encourage them.

We are drawing to the end of May and we hope to have encouraged some wildlife growth as part of our environmental initiative:

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>

We are currently undergoing an audit to support moving to a net zero UK. We can all play our part, and we will be looking at energy efficiency across the school. A small survey on how students get to school will operate in the first week back.

Wishing everyone a restful break and looking forward to seeing you promptly on 2nd June 2025.

Parent governor election:

Could you be a parent governor? We are looking for two parent governors to sit on our governing body. What does this involve?

There are three meetings throughout the year which run between 5:00–6:30pm. In addition, we welcome governors to visit and operate as a voice for our parents in the school. Expressions of interest to: denise.boakye@woodsidehighschool.co.uk by Monday 2nd June.

Key term dates including closure and opening:

- **Wed 4th June:** Parent information evening for Year 10 into Year 11, 4:00–5:00pm
- **No Eid ul Adha closure** this year as it falls on a weekend and we have examinations, so the school must remain open
- **Monday 30th June:** **CLOSED** for **Trust INSET Day** (this replaces the usual INSET day after Easter)
- **Wednesday 9th July:** Balkan Day — families welcome to attend after-school event
- **Wednesday 16th July:** Memorial celebration for Cheryl Skepple, our librarian — afternoon tea and fundraiser for Cancer Research UK
- **Monday 21st July:** End of Summer term and Culture Day — a real highlight of the year

There are also a host of exceptional events taking place for students over the summer term. Please see this booklet:

<https://www.mulberrywoodside.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/MAW-Summer-Festival-of-Learning.pdf>

Ms. Wallace

UPCOMING KEY DATES



**Monday, 2nd June -
4th June and**

**Monday, 16th June -
18th June**

Year 8 Residential

**Monday, 2nd June -
Thursday 5th June**

Year 10 GCSE
Coastal fiedwork

Wednesday, 4th June

16:00 - 17:00

Year 10 into Year 11
Information Evening

Wednesday 11th June

Talent Show

Wednesday 9th July

Balkan Day

**Wednesday 16th
July**

Memorial celebration
for Cheryl Skepple,
our librarian

Monday 21st July

End of Summer and
Culture Day

TERM START WEEK 2



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If you have any specific questions regarding the transfer of school to the Mulberry Schools Trust, please email

clerk@mulberryschoolstrust.org

Eco-Entrepreneurs of MAW Lead the Way

Some of our Year 9 and Year 8 students had the chance to present their sustainable business ideas at the University of East London this week. This was part of the “Solutions 4 the Planet” regional final, where our students competed against other London schools for a place in the national final.

Nafisah, Olivia and Sanaila from 9I won first place, meaning they will now go on to the national final at the Palace of Westminster in July. Their project focuses on tackling homelessness and housing issues in the UK through a fully sustainable model. In recognition of their work, they have also received the CREST Bronze Award from the British Science Association for the quality and depth of their business idea.

A total of eight teams presented on the day, with only one winner, but the judges noted how difficult the decision was. Mulberry Academy Woodside was proudly represented by four teams. Amira (8Q), Andrea (8Q), Ellie (8I), Brian (8I), Jack (9L), Riley (9L), Amir (9Y) and Edison (9Y) all earned special commendations for their confident delivery, well-researched ideas and engaging presentations.



STEM F1 Drive Trip

On Monday, 25 Year 10 students with an interest in STEM and motorsport engineering visited Tottenham Hotspur Stadium for an F1 Drive careers trip. Organised with the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation and led by Mr Hussain, the day offered a real insight into motorsport careers beyond driving—covering data, logistics, media and more.

Students tried karting, used F1 simulators and spoke with industry professionals. A highlight was meeting Mark Slade, a top British engineer who has worked with F1 legends including Häkkinen, Räikkönen and Schumacher.

The trip gave students valuable experience and inspiration for future careers. Many thanks to Mr Hussain for making it happen.





Reading Party

On Tuesday afternoon, students in 8KEN1 enjoyed their second 'Reading Party' following a successful term of learning, focusing and achieving.

After a rigorous and challenging feedback lesson based on analytical writing, students packed away their green pens and pulled out their reading books to relax for the final forty minutes of the lesson.

Students read books from home, the school Library and titles such as 'Barry the Loser', 'Tutankhamun's Treasure' and 'Quiet Storm' which KS3 students had selected as part of 'Bookbuzz' earlier on in the academic year. The Year 8s also had a sweet and a savoury treat to accompany their books.

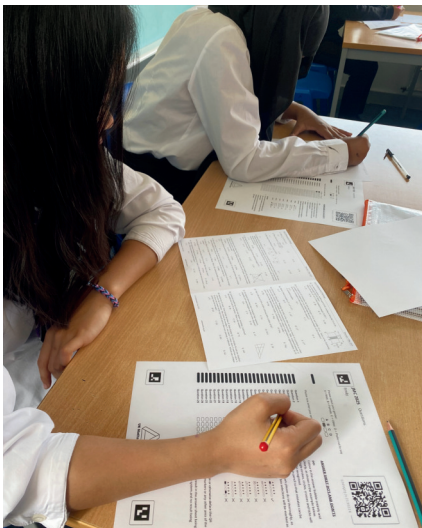
Celebrating Junior Maths Challenge Success

This term, students at Mulberry Academy Woodside took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, a national competition designed to stretch the mathematical thinking of young learners.

We are proud to share that several of our students were awarded certificates for their performance, including a number of well-deserved Bronze awards. Each pupil showed great determination and problem-solving skills throughout the challenge.

Certificates were presented by Heads of Year in assemblies this week, with students being recognised for their commitment to mathematical excellence.

A special congratulations to all who participated—and a thank you to the staff who supported them. With continued effort and encouragement, we hope to see even more success next year, with silver and gold on the horizon.





Year 7/8 Girls football silver medallists!

Last Friday, the year 7 / 8 girls football team travelled to the Royal Docks academy in East London, for the G4G Euros Warm up cup.

We were one of 13 teams, and the only team not from Newham, so all new faces around. The vibes were good as we walked in, music playing and all the Adidas branded backdrops and banners in place, videographers and photographers walking around, ready to capture moments of the day. The tournament was to get ready and amp up the feelings for the Women's Euros this summer.

It took a match to get into the swing of things, but the wins came. Amazing defending from Faith S, pinpoint passes from Irmak S, Sofia B controlling the ball like it was stuck to her foot and Anisha S finding the ball at the back of the net. However, our quarter final match took a turn for the worse, Sofia B getting injured was not in our cards, and had to be carried off. The girls made sure they won that match, an extra boost of determination.

Our semi-final match was a nail biter, 1-0 down, and it took until the final minute to score the equaliser, followed by penalties. Heathcote school stepped up first and scored, Anisha made it 1-1. Up they stepped again, Shot, but Ejrin saved it, still equal!! Faith was up next, placed it nicely in the goal 2-1. Their final player got ready, but missed the goal, and everyone ran to Ejrin and celebrated. Now brought on the final. It was tough, played more on the defense, with little chances to attack, but spirits were still high. Even though it was a loss in the final, the journey there was amazing, and the girls were still happy and grateful for the silver.

From left to right: Sofia B, Anisha S, Sophia H, Ejrin S, Faith S, Irmak S, Ikraan A, Nisa S

Half-Term Community Vaccination Clinics

Hosted by the Haringey School Vaccination Team

Location: New River Sports Centre, White Hart Lane, London N22 5QW

Dates & Times:

- **Wednesday 28th May (10:00 AM – 1:45 PM)**
- **Friday 30th May (10:00 AM – 1:45 PM)**



Who is it for?

- ✓ **Year 8 students due their HPV vaccine**
- ✓ **Year 9 students due their DTP/MenACWY vaccine**

No appointment needed – walk-ins welcome!

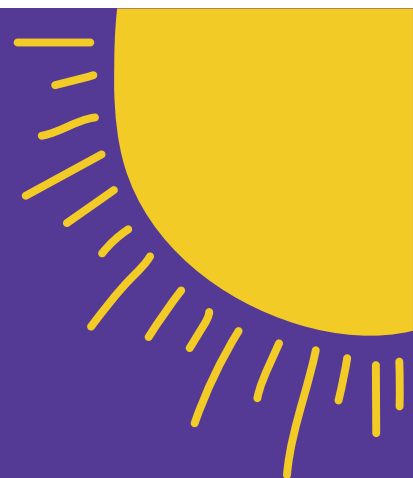
☎ **Got questions?**
Contact the school or the Haringey School Vaccination Team.

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF LEARNING

SCAN ME!



SCAN TO SEE OUR UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS!



PSHE & RSE Information for Parents

Our Head of Social Science has written to all parents and carers regarding the upcoming PSHE and RSE content.

Scan the QR code below to read the full letter and find out more about what your child will be learning:



Or read it online at:
mulberrywoodside.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Parents-and-Carers-letter-RSE-2025-April.pdf

Woodside Film Festival

Calling all budding filmmakers at Mulberry Academy Woodside!

The Film Studies department will be holding our very first Woodside Film Festival in July!

Part of the festival will include a showcase of student short films. If you make your own films (it can be on your phone or your computers) and would like to be a part of the festival, please get in touch with Ms Aksu in C003!

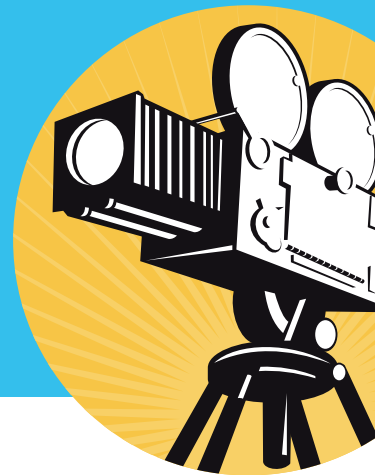
You can also email any submissions to pinar.aksu@woodsidehighschool.co.uk.

We will be accepting short films within the following categories:

- Documentary
- Genre films (any genre)
- Indie films
- Animation

Deadline: **11th June 2025**.

Get filming!



WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT NEEDED FOR 14- 18 JULY!

If you can offer any employability placement experience for our year 10 students, please get in touch with serdane.ozcan@woodsidehighschool.co.uk



This week's

Values in Action

Positive Body Language

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors for the Summer Term!

	Pride	Respect	Kindness
Year 7	Layla 7A	Isaac 7Q	Abdirahman 7T
Year 8	Veronika 8T	Ada 8U	Hibah 8Q
Year 9	Annie 9U	Kayanna 9T	Edison 9Y
Year 10	Shancelvie 10Q	Houda 10L	Jasmine 10Q

After half term our first Values session will be focused on using positive body language and facial expressions. You can support your child at home by:

- **Be a role model:** Use open body language and friendly facial expressions at home - your child will learn by watching you.
- **Use TV and media:** Pause shows or videos and ask your child, "What do you think they're feeling?" Talk about body and facial cues.
- **Practice confidence poses:** Teach them to stand tall, smile, and make eye contact. Try "power poses" before school or social situations.
- **Teach active listening:** Show them how to nod, face the speaker, and keep eye contact when listening—great for friendships and class discussions.
- **Reflect together:** After social situations, ask how they think they came across. Help them become more aware without criticising.



PRAISE LOLLIES WINNERS!

To celebrate Praise Week, we handed out ice lollies each day to students with the highest praise points. It was a simple but sweet way to recognise those consistently showing that they were 'Read to Achieve'. Well done to all our winners!

Year 7

Ajwad L., Aleena B., Alesia H., Bahar K., Berdar E., Chanae-Asia D., Dana A., Demi G., Dilek I., Ejrin S., Eliana D., Ellie T., Fatima K., Filip V., Francis C., Hejan I., Humairaa A., Irmak S., Isaac W., Isaac W., Jessy P., Joao Pedro D., Kattleya T., Kenderick F., Madihah M., Marco S., Marika D., Mia B., Mirac O., Mitchell H., Mohammed A., Natalia Q., Oscar S., Riley F., Romaio K., Sakeiva N., Sallome L., Salome C., Sofian D., Teysi Y.

Year 8

Abdul R., Amelia K., Anisha S., Aurora P., Ayub L., Azka A., Berkay G., Borislava M., Daiana M., Darius I., Derek M., Emily Joyce S., Ia Z., Ianis A., Ikraan A., Jakub T., Klevis M., Kyra A., Leanne D., Loda M., Maria A., Milan M., Miley C., Najma A., Penelope M., Princessamira A., Samir R., Shreya M., Sophia H., Stefania S., Vanessa S., Zakiya H.

Year 9

Adar C., Amir H., Armaan H., Atilla C., Awwab A., Aysima G., Buse Y., Cinar O., Cj C., Ezinne O., Hamza A., Jenas M., Judith N., Keandra A., Khalid B., Lillia T., Marwa A., Melis H., Nabeeha N., Nawal A., Neve A., Olivia N., Otani K., Raqeeb S., Reda C., Rehmat N., Ruzgar H., Salah M., Sanaila T., Selver T., Sevdalina M., Skye C., Thuraya N., Victor P., Xinaira G., Yordanka Y., Zahra F.

Year 10

Abdul Aziz K., Alexandra O., Ameera K., Ares C., Arif H., Ayse S., Brian K., Dhruv G., Erica Jane S., Inas J., Isaiah F., Ismail M., Jayden B., Jennifer D., Joshua R., Keyara K., Kimora B., Kristen M., Melda I., Melike C., Mert K., Mimuna J., Mirkan T., Mohamed Y., Nisa D., Oskar G., Riyaq O., Rodrigo N., Ruben W., Salih H., Soheyb M., Tasneem A., Tasnova L., Thadshaagene T., Theo S., Tyrese S., Zumra T.



HOUSE NEWS

HOUSE COMPETITIONS



JUNE

2ND

TUTOR TIME

**HOUSE TUTOR
QUIZ**

JUNE

5TH

LUNCH

FLAG DESIGN

JUNE

11TH

AFTER SCHOOL

TALENT SHOW

JUNE

19TH

LUNCH

PAT BALL

JUNE

26TH

LUNCH

SPELLING BEE

JULY

1ST

ALL DAY

SPORTS DAY

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Academy Woodside

FOR MORE INFORMATION
MS OLIVER OR YOUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

SCORE



3460



3340



3460



2960

**Weekly
Praise
Winner -
2559 pts**



**Weekly
Attendance
Winner -
93.46%**



**Table
Tennis
Results:**



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES



This week is Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme this year is “community”. Being part of a safe, positive community is vital for our mental health and wellbeing. We thrive when we have strong connections with other people and supportive communities that remind us, we are not alone. Communities can provide a sense of belonging, safety, support in hard times, and give us a sense purpose.



Here are some charities in the mental health space that are celebrating the week in different ways: Mind, Rethink Mental Illness & Samaritans



Are you interested in learning more about careers in wealth management? This is the opportunity you’ve been waiting for! Join St. James’s Place, a FTSE 100 company, and its Financial Adviser Academy, for an exclusive full-day virtual work experience. Taking place on 29th May from 0930am-330pm.



There is a new documentary series on BBC, “The 9-5 with Stacey Dooley”. Stacey takes five 16-18-year-olds into industries that are crying out for young workers to give them the ultimate work experience.



Become a Bright Star with Specsavers; “Our exclusive university scholarship offers future Optometry students the chance to receive £10,000 (or €10,000 in the Republic or Ireland) over four years, towards the cost of their university experience. It’s aimed at STEM students, with only 40 spots across the UK. This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to begin a promising career as an Optometrist.”



If you are looking to apply to Medicine, the Medical Schools Council have a useful tool that allows you to view and compare different Medical schools entry requirements.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Art Therapist

They help individuals with emotional or mental health difficulties, to express themselves, explore their feelings, and foster personal growth. Art therapy is a form of psychotherapy that uses art as a way to communicate. Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

According to a new report by Pathways, student career aspirations are rooted far deeper than you would expect. The research found that 44% of students still want the job they dreamed about in primary school.

Source

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

OPPORTUNITIES



On Thursday 22nd May, UCAS are running a [live TikTok Q&A](#) with an admission expert and a UCAS expert as they dive into all your questions about applying to university.



From September 2025, Apprenticeships now earn UCAS points. This means you could do an Apprenticeship at the end of Year 11 and then go onto University, which hasn't been possible in the past. [Click here to discover how your apprenticeship can earn UCAS Tariff points](#), helping you access higher education and take the next big step in your career.



The University of Southampton and University Hospital Southampton are pleased to offer students in Year 12 the opportunity to apply for [LIVE virtual work experience](#) delivered through Microsoft Teams. This project is aimed at students who are interested in studying Medicine. It is a very popular programme so please ensure you check the eligibility criteria before you apply. Applications open 9th to 30th June 2025. [This is the form to use](#) to apply when applications open.



Choices magazine is the ultimate parent and carer guide to apprenticeships and technical education! In [May's edition](#), find out what it's like to step into a corporate role at Lloyds Banking Group and hear first-hand experiences from two hairdressing apprentices. Find out why it's not too late to secure a role this summer.



[Sisterhood Summer](#) is a free programme to get your dreams out of the drafts and get equipped with the entrepreneurial skills to be a socially minded leader with the foundation to start your own business. Applications for Sisterhood Summer 2025 are open from 4th April - 6th June 2025.



Prosthetics and orthotics has a wide range of job roles for you to consider. Each job role has a range of career paths to explore. The resources [on this webpage](#) act as an introduction to the opportunities a career in prosthetics and orthotics can offer you.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"From Consumer Banking to tech, marketing and beyond – we offer a diverse array of careers. You'll find a variety of career paths and opportunities to learn and grow.

We're committed to supporting our employees and helping them succeed every step of the way."

Read more about [JPMorganChase Careers here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"We are a university that enables opportunity for the good of everyone. Everyone needs ambitions and at City St George, we give you the opportunity to realise yours. Our community is strongly invested in [student wellbeing](#), [diversity](#), [environmental sustainability](#) and connections with responsible businesses."

Read more about [City St George's Courses here](#).

If you have any questions or need support, please email serdane.ozcan@woodsidehighschool.co.uk

THE SUMMER JOBS PROGRAMME

ARE YOU 16-20 YEARS OLD?
**GET A PAID
JOB THIS
SUMMER!**

About the programme

The Summer Jobs Programme gives young people (age 16-20) the opportunity to get a paid job and gain valuable work experience during Summer 2025. You will either get a paid job placement or take part in a study to earn rewards. ThinkForward are supporting young people to apply who live in Hackney or Haringey.

What it involves:

- **July 21st - 25th:** 1-week paid pre-employment training course
- **July 28th - Aug 29th:** 5-week paid employment placement
- Support from a dedicated youth worker and a workplace supervisor.

Need more info?

Email info@thinkforward.org.uk or [click here](#) or scan the QR code to check if you are eligible and apply.



May 2025



Changing Lives - Creating Futures

Colindale Apprenticeship Vacancies

Business Administration ~ Early Years ~ Teaching Assistant ~ Accounting



To Apply:

YOUR NAME + JOB CODE TO:
07495 464797

1) Business Admin Apprentice / Farringdon / £224 p/w

Kickstart your business administration career with practical experience in office management, communication, and business processes. Improve your skills in scheduling, project coordination, and document management. This is starting from September.

2) Apprentice Administrator / Wembley / £250 p/w

Start your journey with a team of experts who are carefully selected and highly trained to deliver exceptional care across the community. You'll benefit from the guidance of a professional management team dedicated to your growth and success. This is starting from September.

3) Accounts Assistant Apprenticeship / Harrow / £224 p/w

This could be your gateway to an exciting career in finance and accounting! If you're passionate about finance and have a practical mindset, this role is a great fit for you. We're looking for someone who is adaptable, positive, and driven with a strong sense of motivation and ambition. This is starting from September.

4) Level 3 Early Years Apprentice / Golders Green / £224 p/w

If you have a genuine passion for enhancing nursery standards, we invite you to join our exceptional team. Your commitment will be valued, providing you with earning potential and hands-on experience. This role is starting from September.

5) Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship / Colindale / £264 p/w

Are you eager to impact students' lives positively? Become a Learning Support Assistant apprentice and kickstart your career in education. This apprenticeship provides practical experience along with chances to acquire new skills and knowledge. Don't wait—apply today!

6) Early Years Apprenticeship / Pinner / £264 p/w

We are seeking a committed individual to assist with children's developmental and emotional needs within a secure and caring environment. The perfect candidate should possess excellent communication skills and be a collaborative team member. This role is starting from September.

7) Level 3 Childcare Apprenticeship / Barnet / Watford / Mill Hill / £224p/w

Earn while you learn with our Level 3 Childcare Apprenticeship! Acquire practical experience by assisting in enjoyable and stimulating activities that foster children's growth and learning. Become part of our team and contribute to creating a positive and inviting atmosphere for every child! This role is starting from September.

For more information about our apprenticeships, please contact:

Sabreena Valydon (Recruitment & Marketing Coordinator) | 07495 464797 | svalydon@firstrung.org.uk

Colindale Centre NW9 6TD - 020 8201 3111

Ponders End Centre EN3 4DZ 020 8803 4764

Find us online at www.firstrung.org.uk



THE SUMMER JOBS PROGRAMME

About the programme

The Summer Jobs Programme gives young people (age 16-20) the opportunity to get a paid job and gain valuable work experience during Summer 2025.

The programme is part of a study to understand if young people who are at risk of violence benefit from this programme, and whether it should be expanded across the UK.

ThinkForward are supporting young people to apply who live in Hackney or Haringey.

What it involves:

- **July 21st - 25th:** 1-week paid pre-employment training course
- **July 28th - Aug 29th:** 5-week paid employment placement
- Support from a dedicated youth worker and a workplace supervisor.

Eligibility criteria

This programme is designed to support young people at risk of violence. [Click here](#) for the eligibility criteria.

Refer a young person

For more info email info@thinkforward.org.uk or [click here](#) or scan the QR code to refer a young person. When filling in the referral form for a young person, please select ThinkForward as the delivery partner.



May 2025



Changing Lives - Creating Futures

Ponders End Apprenticeship Vacancies

Business Administration ~ Early Years ~ Teaching Assistant ~ Accounting (must be able to travel Colindale)



To Apply:

Your name + Job Code to:
07495 464797

1) Office Administrator Apprenticeship / Enfield / £263 p/w

Ready to launch your career in a dynamic industry? We're seeking a professional Office Administrator for our Enfield estate agency office. A great stepping stone for somebody who would like to gain experience as an estate agent. This role is starting from September.

2) Data Team Apprentice / Ponders End / £230 p/w

Looking to launch your career in data? Join us and play a key role in supporting our Compliance Officer with accurate monthly income claims, helping to keep our organisation running seamlessly. Throughout your apprenticeship, you'll be backed by a fantastic team, committed to supporting you every step of the way!

3) Administrative Assistant Apprenticeship / Edmondton / £264 p/w

We invite you to apply for the Administrative Assistant Apprenticeship role, where you'll gain valuable skills while supporting our nursery's operations. You'll receive practical training to provide essential administrative assistance to staff and customers. This role is starting from September.

4) Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship / Enfield / £264 p/w

Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of students? Join our team as a Learning Support Assistant apprentice and start your career in education. This apprenticeship offers hands-on experience and opportunities to gain new skills and knowledge. Apply now!

5) Level 3 Childcare Apprenticeship / Tottenham / £224 p/w

We're looking for a dedicated and passionate individual to join our team as an Early Years Level 3 Apprentice. This is a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience and grow professionally within the childcare sector.

6) Early Years Educator Apprenticeship / Wood Green / £224 p/w

Join our nursery team and help shape young minds by designing activities that foster growth through play and structured learning. Develop essential childcare skills, work towards a recognised qualification, and receive dedicated support from an experienced mentor along the way.

7) Early Years Apprenticeship / Oakwood / Grange Park / Palmers Green / £210 p/w

If you're passionate about childcare and eager to earn while you learn, this opportunity could be the perfect fit. You'll work closely with a supportive team to create a nurturing environment where every child can play, grow, and thrive. You must be able to travel to Ponders End for training.

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