

How to become a teaching assistant

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Today's presentation
supports your first steps
to become a
teaching assistant

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- What routes can you take?
- How do I need to act?
- How do I apply?

Route #1

Apprenticeships and training

- Some vacancies in schools will require people to have a C/4 in maths and English
- If you feel you need to gain these qualifications, The Learning Place, HSDC and City of Portsmouth College can support you
- Alternatively, if you would like to undertake an apprenticeship and gain a formal qualification you can go to: findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk
- Other level two and three qualifications are also available

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Route #2

Volunteering

- If you need experience before you apply for a job, volunteering is a good option
- You will need a basic DBS
- Experience working with children and young people isn't always necessary but looks good on your CV
- Community groups and other relevant organisations can also provide this experience through transferable skills

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Route #3

Applying direct

- Check job vacancies to view requirements
- Visit the Portsmouth City Council jobs portal and search for 'school jobs'
- Extend your search to other places including school websites, Indeed.co.uk etc.

Patient

**You
need to
be...**

Resilient

Professional

Caring

Calm

Team
orientated

Good
communicator

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Next steps...

- Search for vacancies – PCC careers portal and other websites
- Explore apprenticeship and training opportunities – The Learning Place, City of Portsmouth College and HSDC
- Ask local schools about volunteering opportunities
- Explore the Teach Portsmouth Jobs and Opportunities Fair

How can today's event help you become a teaching assistant?

- Talk to exhibitors about their vacancies
- Enrol on Teach Portsmouth taster sessions
- Speak to training providers about apprenticeships and short courses
- Attend other presentations

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Tip 7 – Attend more events

- If you want to work in a school or college in a support job, come to our next event
- Tuesday 23 April from 1:30pm – 3:30pm / 4pm – 6pm
- Central Library (Third floor)

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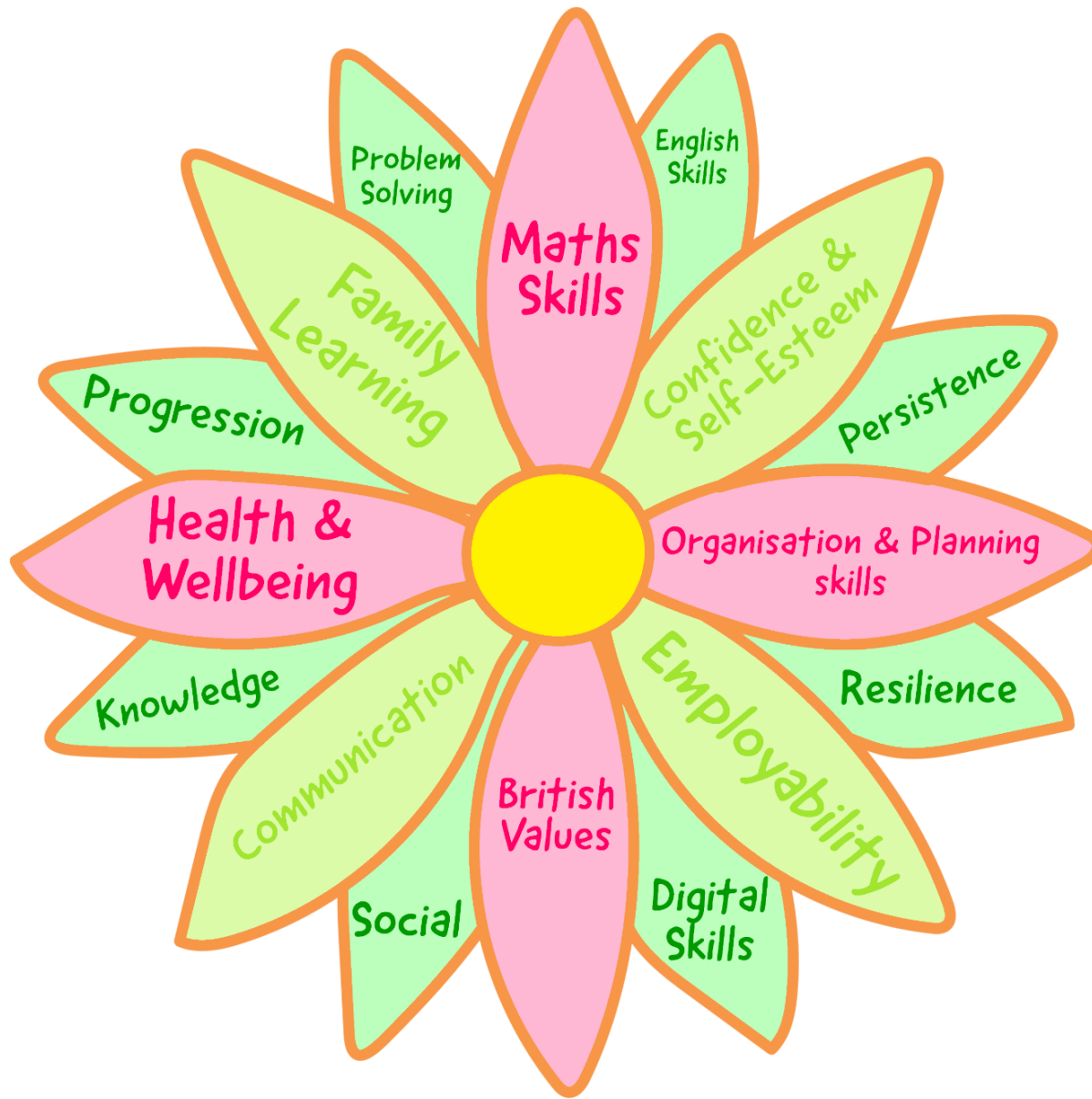
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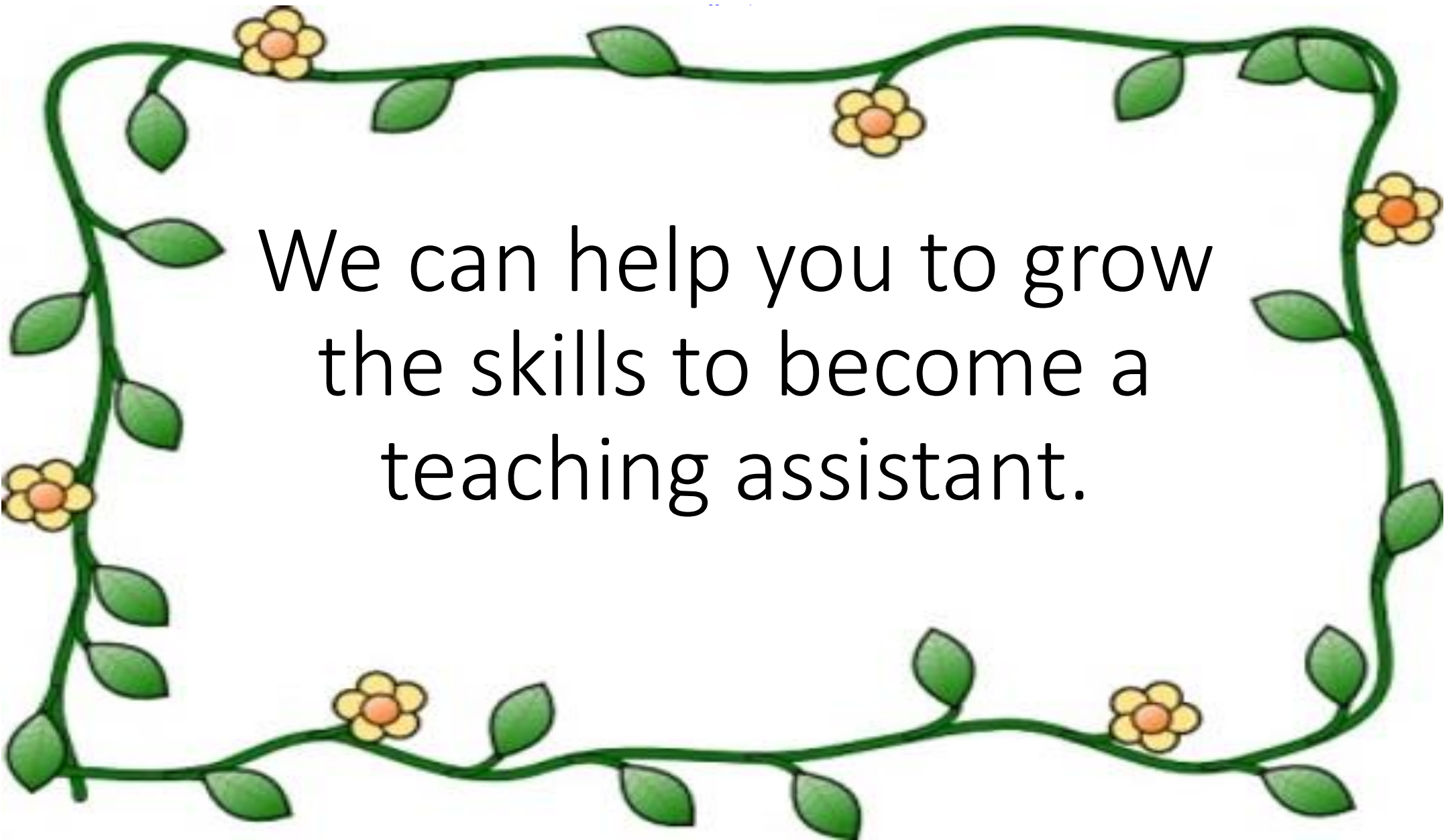


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Where you can
grow your
potential...



... and broaden
your horizons



We can help you to grow
the skills to become a
teaching assistant.

Consider ~ What is a teaching assistant?

- Do you know what this role entails?
- Do you have experience working with children?
- Is this the job for me?

Be prepared

- Qualifications – required GCSE level 4 or C in Maths and English or equivalent
- An up-to-date CV
- Interview skills



How we can help

- Support you to achieve level 2 Maths and English qualifications
- L2 Support Work in Schools and Colleges
- L2 Principles of Safeguarding in the Learning Environment
- L2 Children and Young People's Mental Health
- Essential Digital Skills Qualifications

All these courses are free

Other courses that support your journey to becoming a teaching assistant

- CV writing workshops
- Confidence Building
- Parent Power
- Keeping Up with the Kids

How to find a teaching assistant job?

- Look on Portsmouth City Council website
- Teaching Assistant apprenticeships are advertised on the [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) and are applied for in the same way as you would a job

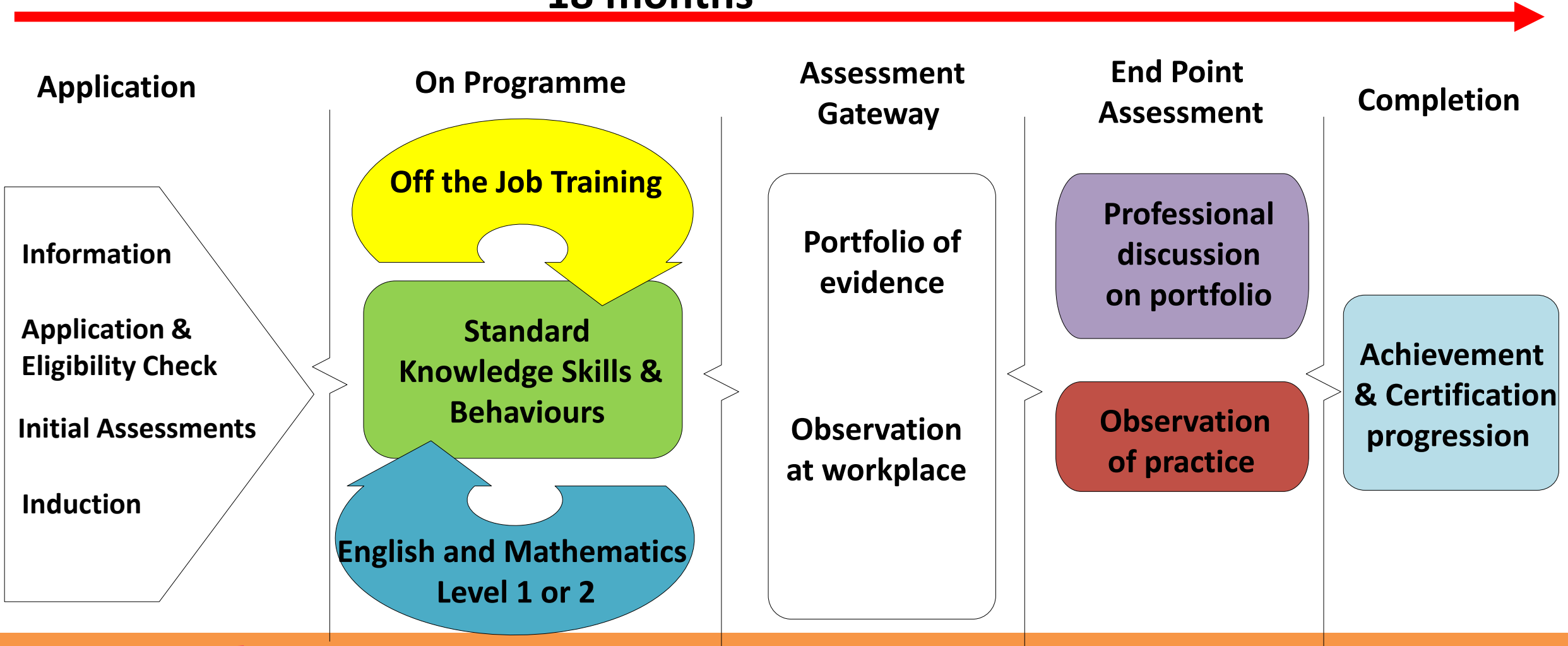
What is an Apprenticeship?

Earn while you learn!

An apprenticeship gives the opportunity to get hands on experience in the workplace, alongside time to study and gain a recognised qualification.


Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship Journey

18 months



Teaching Assistant Apprentice Journey

- You will be supported by the school
- You will be assigned an assessor who will set tasks to be completed
- You will be given 6 hours per week off the job training this may include attending workshops, 1-1 meetings with your assessor, time to complete assignments
- From the 15th month onward, you will begin preparing for the End Point Assessment with full support from your assessor



For more information
come and have a chat
with us.

You can find us at

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The role of a Learning Support Assistant (LSA) at HSDC.

Darren Darby





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