

# Apprenticeships



## Ethan Weir

**ETHAN WOULD ENCOURAGE ANYONE TO FOLLOW THEIR GUT INSTINCT WHEN IT COMES TO APPLYING FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP. HIS GREAT GRANDFATHER WORKED AT THE CHAPEL BANK SITE AS A FOREMAN AND HE'S PROUD TO BE FOLLOWING HIS FOOTSTEPS CAREERWISE.**

**After initially deciding to take his A Levels, Ethan realised that he was more interested in a 'hands on' qualification and the best option was to apply for an apprenticeship. He made the difficult decision to swap education choices half way through his first year and was pleased when he was successful at gaining a level 3 machining apprenticeship with GEN2 at TSP Engineering.**

"Basically I wanted to learn a trade and gain experience working on large projects" says Ethan, "I realised I wasn't going to do that completing my A levels and I was keen to get out and learn new skills. The teachers at GEN2 are great and TSP Engineering have excellent, experienced operators on site, some of whom have been here over 40 years."

Ethan says that without the wealth of experience around him and without apprentice coordinator being available every step of the way, he may not have mastered the complicated machines that he is enjoying working on – he is currently using the Asquith horizontal floor borer and is working on projects for both Sellafield and BAE.

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