

Apprenticeships



Liam Foster

“WITHOUT THE EXPERIENCE OF A WORKING ENVIRONMENT, IT’S DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND THE PRACTICAL SIDE OF A DEGREE AND THE OPPORTUNITY OF AN APPRENTICESHIP GIVES THE WORKING BACKGROUND AS A BASE FOR YOUR OWN CAREER AND LEARNING.”

“It’s easy to understand why an apprenticeship was the right choice for me” says Liam who is now in his final year of an EAL Level 3 NVQ Extended Diploma in Engineering Technical Support. “I believe I have a comprehensive knowledge of my job role that would have been difficult integrating into from a degree level course at University.”

The job role Liam is referring to is his responsibility over projects as a Project Engineer, managing timescales and hours of a job, as well as resolving more technical issues and liaising with customers.

“My day to day role involves creating project documentation for my projects” says Liam, “these documents include quality plans and route cards and also involves working with the planners to create and update project plans.” “I feel that now I am coming to the end of my apprenticeship, I have built confidence in my own ability to work and manage a project and to be able to communicate with the shop floor and team leaders to push jobs through. It is important to me that I gain as much experience as possible to set me apart from any other apprentice or graduate that is required in the world of work post apprenticeship or degree.”

Liam says that gaining a qualification whilst earning a wage was much more valuable to him than paying for a degree and gaining substantial debt.

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