

# Apprenticeships



## Owen McCartney

**“CHOOSING AN APPRENTICESHIP WAS THE RIGHT BALANCE FOR ME,” SAYS OWEN, “I CAN CONTINUE LEARNING BY GAINING MY QUALIFICATION AND HOPEFULLY PROGRESS INTO HIGHER EDUCATION, BUT AT THE SAME TIME I AM IN A WORKING ENVIRONMENT, LEARNING ON THE JOB SKILLS.”**

Owen is an EAL Level 3 NVQ Extended Diploma in Engineering Technical Support apprentice and is currently based within the demanding Projects department, Since Owen started working at TSP Engineering, back in 2016 he has worked in many of the departments within the business on a rotation basis and his range of knowledge of engineering has expanded. “I have got to see real life engineering and how it works, not just learning out a book” said Owen.

“I have seen how each department works and I have experienced the different roles within them, this has benefitted me greatly as it has helped me to learn the different processes within TSP Engineering and to make sure I was working in the correct way throughout the business.”

“A key department that I particularly enjoyed was the Technical Department” said Owen, “I worked with people who had years of engineering experience, some with 40 plus years. In their department I was involved with CAD, designing 3D models and making 2D sketches. I also helped to produce the route cards.”

Although Owen is working within a busy office, juggling learning and work effectively has come reasonably easy for Owen, “I was granted a day at college for learning and doing my level 3, if I didn’t finish any work, I usually finished it off at home to ensure I had the other 4 days’ to focus on work.”

Owen credits his apprenticeship with giving him the communication skills to help him to be able to speak to clients and everyday people more confidently in both his personal and work life and hopes to progress onto higher education and complete his degree.

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