



Apprentice  
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# WORDS FROM OUR APPRENTICE: SOPHIE

Maintenance  
& Operations Engineer



## Why did you choose an apprenticeship?

I wanted to further my learning about the engineering industry. I enjoy the practical work in the workshop which is always varied. I personally think is better than being sat in a classroom all day every day!

## What are the benefits of being an apprentice?

It really helped me develop the essential skills I needed to work in the industry. It also is extremely beneficial in building my knowledge within my role and best preparing me for when I move into a full-time position.

## Describe a typical day for yourself

Every day is different! For example, it can either be classroom-based work or going out into the workshop to do a calibration on a piece of equipment. Once a week, I do a BTEC day which will go towards my exams this year.

## How has Apprentice Employment Agency supported you?

I have regular phone calls with the team to see how I am getting on while at work. They're always concerned with my well-being to make sure I'm getting on well. They also keep me updated with any information that I should know about.

## What new/existing skills have you developed in your role?

Even though I am in electrical instrumentation, I have learnt basic skills in bench fitting, machining and also mechanical maintenance. These are skills that I may need even though I am on a different career path. As well as this, I know how to wire all lighting and socket circuits, glanding and calibrating different gauges and sensors.

## Explain how you found working at the same time as undertaking structured learning provided by your line manager, colleagues and/or training provider

It was a lot of information to take in at the start of the year; but as time has gone on, I've got a strong hold on everything and I'm doing really well!