



Apprentice  
Employment  
Agency

# WORDS FROM OUR APPRENTICE: THOMAS

Automation &  
Controls Engineering  
Technician



## Why did you choose an apprenticeship?

I was extremely close to going to university, but I felt an apprenticeship would best suit my development. Fast forward to now, I'm completing a Level 4 HNC at college as well as learning from my experienced and knowledgeable colleagues in the workplace.

## What are the benefits of being an apprentice?

Being an apprentice allows me to gain experience in my field, and better prepare myself for the future. I am able to get involved in projects which progress my understanding of the industry and the job role.

## Describe a typical day for yourself

It varies from day to day but it could include completing my sole projects, providing support to projects my colleagues are working on, attending mentoring sessions, external training sessions or even giving presentations.

## How has Apprentice Employment Agency supported you?

The AEA team have supported me thoroughly throughout my apprenticeship so far. Communication has been simple and easily achievable with all staff, and have been provided with whatever I required when I asked.

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

One key skill that I've further developed is my confidence which has been achieved through continuous practice in presentations, meeting new people and in general communication.

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

I've been able to achieve a healthy balance between work and education, this is thanks to my workplace providing me with allocated time to complete my coursework. If I require more time, I am able to complete any coursework at home.