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Engineering Apprentice Profile

A little about myself

I attended Snaith High school, and left with a good range of GCSE's. I enjoyed my school career. I have now completed my apprenticeship and am working as an engineer for Drax Power. Drax Power Station, the largest, cleanest and most efficient coal fired power station in the UK. Currently Drax supplies some 7% of the UK's electricity needs.

What encouraged you to go for a career in engineering ?

I went on an engineering course at North Lindsay College. I decided to try for a career in engineering, because I always had an interest in practical subjects and activities. I suppose we had some family connections in engineering as well, as my uncle is a qualified engineer.

Where do you aim to be career wise - in 5 years time ?

I hope to progress with the company, and maybe get a degree. I think that would help me to get promotion.

Where do you aim to be career wise - in 10 years time ?

I'd like to get Chartered Engineer Status if I could.

Is there a clear progression route for you to this position ?

Its a bit murky. I'm taking it stages at a time - I can't see more than 2 years ahead really.

What have you enjoyed most about the Modern Apprenticeship ?

Meeting new people, progressing with my engineering skills and knowledge. Gaining work experience and working with specialist people. Working towards good qualifications and having a good rapport with Doncaster College.

Have you been encouraged by your employer / training provider ?

Yes the firm will support you if you want to go further





Drax Power Station

Who has given you most support during your MA ?

My parents have been very supportive throughout my apprenticeship, and this has been important in keeping me on schedule and up to date with the work. My colleagues and other apprentices have been supportive and we've kept each other going by having a laugh.

What was the nature of that support ?

Understanding what it was about, and helping me relate my ideas and experience - and helping me to get the College course work done.

Which areas of the MA programme did you enjoy most ?

All of it. There hasn't been anything that I haven't liked.

Which areas of the MA programme did you enjoy least ?

There haven't been any bad areas the whole apprenticeship has been a good experience.

What could have been done to make the MA programme work better for you?

I would have welcomed the chance to widen some of my skills further by adding other bits to the course if you could- like extra welding - perhaps AutoCad. But I suppose I've already picked up a lot of other skills such as C&G Inspection & testing and wiring regulations on the way.

Would you recommend the programme to others ?

Yes definitely.

What would you tell them about MA 's ?

What the ads say is true !

