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AGE: 18

JOB TITLE: TRAINEE ENGINEER

BUSINESS: MCLAUGHLIN & HARVEY
CONSTRUCTION



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WHAT DID YOU WANT TO DO WHEN YOU LEFT SCHOOL?

When I left school in fifth year, all I wanted was some sort of apprenticeship to get myself working, earning money and wanting to move into the working world that bit earlier than most others at 16/17

WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER SCHOOL AND WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

I applied for a role as a Trainee Engineer with McLaughlin & Harvey Construction. Which was a Graduate Apprenticeship where I went to Glasgow Caledonian University while working a full time job as a trainee site engineer and site manager. My job role includes surveying, setting out and much more as an engineer on a construction site and but as a site manager it is a lot more about making sure the project runs as smoothly as possible.

HAVE YOU CHANGED JOBS OFTEN?

No, this is my first job which I am one year into a six year contract with the company.

HOW DID YOU GET INTO YOUR CURRENT ROLE?

I applied through Apprenticeships.scot which, for me, is one of the best websites for young people coming out of school or even just wanting to have a look at what is possible to get an apprenticeship in.

DO YOU HAVE A MESSAGE TO PUPILS RECEIVING THEIR EXAM RESULTS TODAY?

I think the main thing about school is about finding who you are and what you want to do in your future, what do you enjoy, what do you see yourself doing and earning money through. Don't be forced by anyone in what they think your suited to find yourself first and enjoy yourself while doing so.

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