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SUSTAINABILITY CASE STUDY 2021: PEOPLE



Overview

Name: Samuel Hatcher

Role: Engineering Apprentice, a 4-year multi-skilled apprenticeship

Started at Knauf: 2018

Summary: Samuel's efforts have been recognised by the Regional Apprenticeship Awards, in which he was shortlisted as a finalist. These regional events make up the National Apprenticeship Awards which are designed to acknowledge and reward the achievements of exceptional apprentices, apprenticeship champions and apprenticeship employers.

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Samuel considers himself a practical man who enjoys getting his hands dirty, which is one of the reasons the Knauf Apprenticeship Scheme appealed to him. The role involved a multitude of responsibilities, giving him exposure across a variety of vocations.

After visiting the Sittingbourne factory during his interview process and being impressed by the scale of the plant, Samuel knew he wanted to pursue the role. He explains,

“If it wasn't for my apprenticeship at Knauf I would still be in the army. At Knauf I can see a future doing a job I love that makes me happy. I was lucky enough to be mentored through my apprenticeship by Mick, who supported me with his years of experience. I hope to become a Team Leader in the workshop.”

Over the years, Samuel has gained an in-depth understanding of systems, how to break each one down into its working components. He particularly enjoys

identifying faults to fix and conducting preventative maintenance – problem solving has become Samuel's forte.

Samuel's apprenticeship consists of both practical work at Knauf Sittingbourne and theoretical work at college. Samuel has totally applied himself to both components, achieving a distinction in his BTEC Level 3 in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering and receiving the Best Engineering Award for his Level 3 project. He has then moved onto completing an HNC in General Engineering, again gaining a distinction in his first year and aiming for the same in his second and final year.

Lucy Hall, Sustainability Leader at Knauf, summarises,

“Sam is in his element at work, creating award winning projects such as his prototype for the gravity style belt tensioner. The apprenticeship scheme at Knauf has enabled him to develop both his practical and academic skills, which he hopes to be able to share with new apprentices in the future.”



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