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Company- PBS Construction (N.E.) Ltd

Job Title- Site Manager

Why did you choose this Career?

I chose this career as I was highly interested in the idea of having a job which would have a noticeable impact for the better on people's lives directly by working on large Civil Engineering projects. Another factor was due to the fact that I wasn't greatly interested in going to University full time and wanted to learn whilst gaining experience, so therefore an advanced apprenticeship in Civil Engineering was the route I chose.

What pathway did you follow, why was this the most appropriate for you?

I followed an apprenticeship route which allowed to me learn partially during my working week studying at college and then having the rest of my week to work hands on in our office and out on site. I have spent a couple of years out on site and then in our head office getting to grips with the range of jobs that are undertaken by our company ranging from onsite engineering to the planning and coordination of projects and dealing with clients and stakeholders. I have then further extended my development by going down the route of a higher-level apprenticeship which brings my education to degree level. This also allows me to continue my duties at work and also further broadening my experience whilst being responsible for my own sites and operatives.

What is the best thing about your job?

The best thing about my job is the variety which comes with it, I am never doing the same job for too long, and no project is the same which has me constantly thinking of new ways in which tasks can be carried out and really tests me in ensuring I am giving more than 100% attention to a job. I find if tasks are repetitive, they become mundane which loses people's interests and certainly mine, however with this job there is no same working day and every day is a learning day too!

What advice would I give my 16 year old self?

Do whatever it is you want to do, and do what you enjoy, not what you think may be the highest earning career or the best sounding job etc. It truly needs to be something you enjoy, as if you enjoy your job you will never work a day in your life. We spend a majority of our lives at work so it needs to be thought through when deciding on our future. Don't let others decide for you and make your own decisions as this will ensure you follow your own path, nevertheless always listen to others and their advice as it will help massively in making decisions.





