



Jess Townsend

Company- BAM Nuttall

Job Title- Apprentice Engineer

Why did you choose this Career?

I decided I would like I career in engineering because at school I really enjoyed maths and science. I also realised that I would prefer a job that isn't boring and allows me to be practical in my work. I finally decided I would like a career in engineering when I did a couple of days work experience with BAM Nuttall and although it was short, I really enjoyed it.

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

After completing my GCSE's I applied for a civil engineering apprenticeship with BAM Nuttall. I believe an apprenticeship was the best path for me because there is a good balance of academic learning and practical learning. This is good because I get a lot of work experience while working towards getting academic qualifications. Also, the fact that I can learn and earn money at the same time is good too.

What is the best thing about your job?

I would definitely say that being out on site would have to be one of my favourite parts of this job. Although the weather can be horrible sometimes, I love getting involved and learning new things. It also gives me a great sense of achievement to see something built that I have been involved in. Finally, I can't lie, the money is a very nice perk of this job.

What advice would I give my 16 year old self?

I would tell my 16 year old self to be confident and to believe in myself more. I would also tell myself to ask lots of questions and to speak up when I need to because it is okay to ask for help.



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