



Spotlight on Electrician Apprentice, Jamie Lawrence

Why did you begin an apprenticeship at Mears?

I grew up with tradesmen in the family, so I've always leaned towards beginning a career within the trade industry. As I got older, I started to gain an interest in electrics. Initially I began looking at apprenticeship positions at small companies, but then my dad mentioned Mears and I saw a perfect opportunity for me on the website.

As Mears is a big company, I knew I could learn from lots of experts and not just one person, this meant I'd be able to absorb more knowledge and develop my career further. As the role allowed me to mix with a variety of people, I knew I could also pick up other trades skills.

What do you enjoy most about your apprenticeship?

I love to see how I'm developing and up-skilling. At the start of the week I may not understand how to do something, but by the end of the week I've mastered it. I also like the camaraderie with colleagues, it makes it enjoyable to come to work.

What do you think about Mears' apprenticeship opportunity?

It's brilliant. I cover a wide variety of works and learn from qualified people who are experts in the field. I have the best support from those I work with on-site and office staff.

What advice would you give anyone thinking about taking on an apprenticeship?

Do it! It's one of the best opportunities for young people to take.

What are you looking forward to learning during the rest of your apprenticeship?

Becoming a fully qualified electrician and to be the best that I can be within my trade. I don't just want to get by, I want to learn everything I can.

What does a typical day look like during your apprenticeship?

I'm sometimes picked up from home or I will drive to meet my mentor. We usually load our PDA (computer that functions as a personal organiser) and then go to our job. We assess if any materials are required and go to merchants if necessary. I then crack on with the work.

I'm currently working with our voids team and ensuring properties are brought up to the correct standard. This involves carrying out inspections, testing and assessing the electrical health of the property ready for the new tenants.

What is one piece of advice you would give yourself if you were starting your apprenticeship again?

Be more confident from the beginning and don't be afraid to ask questions. There's no such thing as a silly question.

What skills have you developed since starting your apprenticeship?

I was quite closed off before starting my apprenticeship journey with Mears, however my role has helped develop my people skills and built my confidence. I have also gained knowledge about job progression and the processes involved – something that was very new to me when I joined Mears.

I also now have a good understanding of tools and how they work, and my communication skills have really improved.

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