



Apprentice Case Study

Jon Ardron

Jon Ardron started his Apprenticeship at Fairfield Control Systems in 2018, he is currently completing a HNC in Electrical Engineering at Lincoln College.

Jon Believes:

“Apprenticeships require a greater level of maturity and commitment compared to some of the alternative pathways. I believe this helps make you more attractive to prospective employers.”

Jon’s Apprenticeship Journey:

Prior to coming to Fairfield Control Systems, I worked for a large CP/ISP, and, before that, I took A-levels in Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology and Sociology. For a while I was unsure exactly what sort of career path I wanted to pursue, I’d always had an interest in various STEM areas so I decided this may be the way to go. My Grandad is a college lecturer and has taught former apprentices at Fairfields, so this is how I first found out about the company. We also had an in depth conversation regarding my future plans after finishing Sixth Form and from this I decided to apply for the apprenticeship at Fairfields.

Being one of the most recent joiners at Fairfields, I can say that the company provides a very genuine and relaxed setting to work within, and that its approach towards its apprenticeships is a fair and flexible one. Apprenticeships have evolved significantly from what they used to be, having shifted to a greater balance between vocational and academic learning and experience.

The company is strongly invested and interested in the development of all of its people. I feel fortunate to be able to gain valuable work experience within an interesting field, study towards highly regarded qualifications, and earn a salary, all as part of one scheme. I also take great pride in knowing that the effort and work I put in will contribute towards the overall visions/aims of an established yet growing company.