

Case Study



Name: Liam Maguire

Company: London Midland

Role: Rail Engineering Apprentice

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When I finished school, I knew I wanted to join the rail industry but didn't want to go to university for the sake of it. I knew I was interested in Engineering, as it had always been my best subject at school, so I thought an apprenticeship would be my best route. The rail industry was growing in my local area so it seemed like a good choice that would provide the opportunity for job security and progression.

I have joined the Industry as an apprentice at an exciting time as it means I am on the industry recognised brand new 'trailblazer' where I have chance to learn crucial engineering skills but also apply them in rail context. Later this year, I will join the

technical team at London Midland on the shop floor. So far I have really enjoyed my week long placements on the shop floor so I'm really looking forward to it. I really enjoy the mechanical maintenance involved so I am pleased I took a more practical route.

An apprenticeship route was a great choice for me as the more you put into it, the more you will get out of it. An apprenticeship was more relevant to my personal goals and has allowed me to mature and develop professionally; my confidence has increased ten-fold. My Apprenticeship has allowed me to access rail specific training at NTAR and the Young Rail Professionals, so I really feel like part of the rail community.

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