



How his
Apprenticeship
helped Paul add up
his future career and
multiply his options

Paul Sharpe, 22, works at Neilcott Construction in Orpington, Kent. He is half way through his first year as an AAT Accounting Technician Apprenticeship with the company and attends Orpington College one day a week as part of his training.

Paul says:

“...a fantastic opportunity”

“It was the first time they (Neilcott) had offered an Apprenticeship, so I was lucky to get the chance. My sister was doing an AAT Accounting qualification, but having to pay for it herself – and I had just landed a job where my training was being paid for, it was a fantastic opportunity.”

Bigger picture

“When I started my Apprenticeship with Neilcott Construction, I was familiar with a lot of the work as I’d covered in my previous jobs, but the information I’m learning as part of my Apprenticeship is allowing me to see the bigger picture... I find it really interesting!”

Valuable member of staff

Paul attends college one day a week. Robert Cox, Paul’s boss at Neilcott, says that Paul is already a valuable member of staff.

“If we hadn’t taken on an Apprentice, we would have had to take on a qualified accounting technician. Taking on a motivated young person who is willing to learn has fitted into the company’s growth plans much better. Paul is developing alongside the company and contributing to our growth.”

Progress

“When he has completed his accounting Apprenticeship in 18 months to two years, he can go onto to gain more accounting qualifications and really progress within the business.”

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