



How an Apprenticeship at George Wimpey is helping Ryan build a great career

**Ryan Williams is aged 23 and lives in Ashford. He recently completed an NVQ3 Advanced Apprenticeship in bricklaying with George Wimpey and the company has been so impressed with his ability and commitment that it not only voted him its regional Apprentice of the year four times in a row, as well as its national Apprentice of the year once, it has now sent him on an HNC Course in Site Management at Richmond College.**

**Ryan says:**

“I left school at 16 and went to do an NVQ1 in bricklaying with a friend of my dad for a year. We used Richmond College as my training provider and I enjoyed the whole year. Unfortunately I couldn’t find a company that could offer me an NVQ2 training so for a couple of years I went to work as a groundworker and brickworker for a groundwork company. The work was OK, but we were building drains and other similar constructions and sometimes it wasn’t the most pleasant job!”

**Back to college**

Luckily, Ryan spotted an advertisement for Apprenticeships at George Wimpey in West London and jumped at the chance.

“They took me on and it was great. I enjoyed working with my team and returned to do my Apprenticeship

through Richmond College. I soon progressed from Level 2 to a Level 3.

**Trainee manager: “realise potential that I didn’t know I had”**

Out of the latest group of seven qualified Apprentices, three, including Ryan, are trainee managers with George Wimpey. “This management training has happened very quickly. It’s taken me by surprise, and if I’m honest, my family too. George Wimpey have been great employers and given me the opportunity to realise potential that I didn’t know I had.”

**Paid off his debts**

His cash rewards from winning his awards have also helped him too. “I’ve paid off my mum, because I owed her a bit of money, and the rest contributed to a recent trip to Mexico. Thanks George Wimpey!”

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