



NG Bailey



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Apprentice Estimator



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## **What made you apply for an apprenticeship?**

After I finished sixth form it was either university or an apprenticeship for me. I wasn't sure what to do at university so decided on an apprenticeship opportunity with NG Bailey.

## **Why did you apply to NG Bailey?**

NG Bailey is a large successful company, that has an established apprenticeship programme.

## **What would your top tip be for anyone applying for an apprenticeship role?**

Make sure you keep on top of your placements and reviews, so you can appreciate and reflect on the things you have learned.

## **What are the advantages of being an apprentice?**

Getting paid whilst gaining qualifications and work experience is a big advantage for me. There are also lots of people around you to help you out and learn from. As a business, NG Bailey has a good support system in place.

## **What has been the biggest challenge in your apprenticeship?**

The overall learning journey – understanding the role and becoming a competent estimator. Every day has been a learning curve and you have to be willing to learn from everyone around you.

## **What part of the role gives you the most personal satisfaction?**

Finishing a project I've started and seeing it through to the end is very rewarding.

## **What does a typical day look like?**

A typical day for me would involve taking off drawings, a process that sees me studying the drawings and calculating the quantities of materials needed for the project I am working on. I then upload these quantities into our estimating software, which gives me a labour time and cost for each type of material.

## **What are you most looking forward to in your apprenticeship?**

My aim is to become a senior estimator, and on completion of my apprenticeship, I want to develop enough so I can fulfil this goal.

## **What is your greatest achievement as part of the apprenticeship?**

Being part of the apprenticeship recruitment process and talking about my learning journey to others to hopefully inspire them to take up an apprenticeship.