



NG Bailey

Freedom
in NG Bailey Group company

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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.