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WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO JOIN NG BAILEY'S APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME?

I was initially drawn to NG Bailey's excellent reputation in the industry. Joining their apprenticeship programme would provide me with the opportunity to learn from experienced professionals and gain valuable skills and knowledge. Secondly, the programme offers a structured learning programme that combines on-the-job training with classroom-based education. NG Bailey also has a strong support system in place, with dedicated mentors and trainers, who provide guidance and assistance to their apprentices.

HOW DID YOU FIND THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS?

The recruitment process is very thorough and involves several stages designed to assess the skills and qualifications of candidates and their suitability for the role. I initially applied for a BIM role, but after attending various assessments, the apprenticeship development team suggested an alternative career path that would better utilise my skills. As a result, I changed to a project engineer apprenticeship.

IN YOUR APPRENTICESHIP, WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

I'm currently working on a refurbishment project at Manchester Airport, and every day presents a new opportunity to enhance my knowledge and understanding of what it means to excel in this role. During my time here, I have learned how to navigate Navisworks software and produce a 'take-off' for a particular level of the project, which involves using a detailed floor plan to measure electrical containment and calculate what supports are required.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IN YOUR APPRENTICESHIP?

I'd say adapting to the working environment. Walking into a new workplace can be an intimidating experience and

this can be particularly daunting for a new apprentice who is still in the process of finding their place within the company. However, I learnt that building relationships and fostering open communication plays a vital role in creating a supportive environment.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT YOUR APPRENTICESHIP?

One of the best aspects of working at NG Bailey is the continuous focus on improvement and the supportive work environment that has provided me with the foundation for personal and professional growth. As a project engineer, I have the privilege of being immersed in a culture that values learning and development.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT WORKING FOR NG BAILEY?

The company provides various training resources that enable me to expand my skillset. Through this, I am constantly exposed to new ideas and perspectives that challenge me to become better at what I do.

NG Bailey encourages a collaborative working environment where individuals can openly share their ideas and expertise, fostering a sense of teamwork. This supportive atmosphere not only enhances productivity but also promotes personal growth by allowing me to learn from my peers and gain valuable insights from their experiences.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE THOSE LOOKING TO JOIN THE INDUSTRY OR BECOME AN APPRENTICE?

I'd say to research and understand the industry and identify your goals and interests. When it comes to applying, tailor your application to the role you're applying for, and prepare fully for any interviews you may have.