



## JAMES - EXXONMOBIL INSTRUMENTATION APPRENTICE (ANALYSER)

### What does an average day look like for you?

An average day for me at SETA can vary since there is a mix of both practical and theory-based work. The rotations give a good insight into different areas of engineering – so far, I have completed electrical based rotations such as PLC, as well as machinery-based ones like welding and bench fitting. I enjoyed the electronic circuit rotation since it was different and required a high attention to detail. The different rotations mean that things are constantly changing, and every day is different throughout.

### What personal qualities do you think are important to do your job?

To work in engineering, I think that being a team player and a good communicator are definitely qualities that are important. Discussions with others are going to be a big thing when on site since they will help relay information that will be needed. A positive attitude and level head are also qualities that I think are important. There are going to be times where new problems are going to be encountered, and these will need to be resolved, and overcome.

### Why did you choose to do an apprenticeship

I chose to do an apprenticeship since it gave a more hands on approach to learning. Not only am I able to gain qualifications while earning a competitive salary, I am also able to gain valuable experience which cannot be learnt while in a classroom. Now I am in a job that I enjoy, while developing skills that will stay with me for life.

### How did you first become interested in engineering?

I've always had an interest in science and the construction of different things. This developed more at secondary school and college where I was able to investigate how things worked and what they were made up of. An engineering apprenticeship that put me both on site and within a lab seemed like the ideal option for me to pursue.

### What has been your personal highlight so far?

One of my personal highlights has been the overall development of myself. Before this apprenticeship and my time at SETA, I had never done a great deal of what is covered during the rotations. I am constantly learning and developing new skills that I can take anywhere.

### Why did you become an Apprentice Council Rep?

I applied to the Apprentice Council to learn more about what is happening at SETA. I am able to voice ideas and raise issues on behalf of all apprentices.



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