



KRISHDEEP - EXXONMOBIL MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE APPRENTICE

What does an average day look like for you?

At SETA the average day will consist of you doing some practice tasks in your rotation which will help you to learn the skills to complete your final assessment pieces. You will have 3 final assessment pieces to complete. Some of the rotations seem easier than others, but all are quite fun and enjoyable. When I started at SETA I had zero engineering skills, but after a year I can take apart and rebuild an engine, use the lathe and mill, produce electrical circuits in a house, use basic hand tools effectively and pipe fitting. I am also learning how to weld which is great fun, but also quite challenging at the same time.

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

Asking loads of questions! Especially if you are not sure about what is going on. My first time on site I had no clue what was going on, I had a rough idea but when I got on site it got complicated very quickly. Asking questions helps you to understand what is happening and shows that you are interested in the job to your supervisor. You should also keep a notebook with you to make any notes as it can be a lot to take in in the first couple weeks or so. Ask your supervisor for any diagrams as well which may help in your understanding.

Why did you become an Apprentice Council Rep?

Being on The Apprentice Council has given me the opportunity to help provide feedback to SETA, as well as helping to promote engineering to younger people and get them interested in an apprenticeship. Some people may not like the idea of going to university, especially when you may leave with a debt of £60k! An apprenticeship is great alternative and I want to help promote that.

Why did you choose to do an apprenticeship

I chose an apprenticeship because I wanted proper hands-on skills. Before my apprenticeship I only had basic skills from work experience, and this was only a week long, so I didn't really gain that much at all. Here at my apprenticeship, I've gained skills that I may not have even learnt had I gone straight to university. An apprenticeship is a great way to get a feel of real-life work and proper skills which otherwise wouldn't be available, and you get paid for it instead of being in university debt!

How did you first become interested in engineering?

I chose physics, chemistry, and maths at A-levels, so I was heading in an engineering direction without realising it! I just like the idea of knowing how things work and getting hands on with any job I do. Engineering also has a wide range of jobs from mechanical, chemical, aerodynamics, construction - the list goes on. I feel this gives you more options than other jobs which will make it easier in deciding what you want to do. I do like watching formula 1 and my dream would be as an engineer for a formula 1!

