

## OTIS LEVEL 3 MECHATRONICS MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN APPRENTICE

### Why did you choose to do an apprenticeship?

After seven years of Secondary and Sixth Form education, I knew that classroom learning wasn't really the thing for me. An apprenticeship is giving me the opportunity to continue learning, but not sitting in the classroom all the time. I am learning the foundations for the practical, hands-on subjects from scratch during the 'off-the-job' rotations at SETA, so I didn't need to have studied engineering before. If you are dedicated at wanting to learn and have a willingness to complete the tasks and listen to the Instructors, who have years of industry experience, then I think an apprenticeship is the way to go!

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

I have loved building connections with other apprentices during my time at SETA. I have made some great friends. I volunteered for SETA's Workshop Taster Day in October which was open to school & college students to give them a taste of what an engineering apprenticeship can include. I helped out in the Electronics Lab which was very popular! I was really pleased to be able to demonstrate things that I had learnt in the Electronics rotation.

I am really looking forward to the other practical rotations during my off-the-job foundation training at SETA.

### Why did you choose to be an Apprentice Council Rep?

I joined the Apprentice Council because I wanted to be available for other apprentices to approach me with anything, and I can take it to the Council Meetings knowing that we are listened to. I think having the Apprentice Council at SETA is great as it enables all apprentices to have a voice and to get any concerns across to staff. The leadership element of the meetings helps give us an idea of the sorts of things that we would need to think about if we want to become team leaders/supervisors or managers at some point in our career.

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### What was your route in to engineering?

I completed my GCSEs at Cantell school, and from there I went to study three A-levels at Barton Peveril Sixth Form College - Maths, Engineering and Product Design. After college I applied for several apprenticeships through the Government website. Konecranes has great career prospects once I have finished my four year apprenticeship, so I am really pleased to be working for them.

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

Communication and teamwork go hand in hand as when out on site I will need to work with others to complete tasks swiftly and successfully.

I will have to use my initiative to be pro-active when analysing a situation to figure out the best course of action to resolve maintenance issues to the best of my ability

As I gain more knowledge and skills during my apprenticeship I think that intuition will be an important skill. You'll need to be able to apply things that you were taught and adapt them to your current task.

