

## Elliott Jackson – Design Engineer Apprentice



The reason why I decided I wanted to do an apprenticeship, is that it allowed me to gain a recognised qualification whilst also gaining on the job experience within the workplace.

I have been able to complete the same qualifications on a part time basis, whilst completing my apprenticeship, which I would have gained if I decided to go to college on a full time basis. I chose JDR because it's a Company in a field of work that I was interested in, I was already looking to do a mechanical engineering course at college before I found out about JDR's apprenticeship opportunities.

There are many benefits that an apprenticeship has had and will have on my career. So far it has allowed me to gain valuable knowledge in power cable and subsea umbilical's which I would not have been able to learn from college. I have become accustomed to the work environment both in the office and in the factory which will help me to advance and possibly gain a full time job in the future at JDR and an exciting career path ahead.

For the first year of my apprenticeship, I was placed on rotation, this included spending time working alongside the teams within JDR such as, maintenance, quality and projects etc. This helped me gain experience and knowledge of what all of the different departments at JDR do and how they all work together as part of the company. I was able to gain knowledge from other departments that now supports me with my current role as a "Design Engineer Apprentice". During my day now I work on design documents and drawings such as cable and umbilical cross sections.

In the future I hope that I can use my experience and knowledge I have gained to advance my career at JDR.

I would recommend an apprenticeship at JDR as I feel like there are many ways that I have benefitted from it. I have been able to gain my level 3 mechanical engineering qualifications and I am also close to finishing my HNC, after that I will hopefully be able to progress with my studies and complete a degree whilst working at JDR. I have also gained valuable skills and knowledge that I will be able to use for roles in the future. Without my apprenticeship I would only have qualifications whereas I now have the experience learned from this which is great for my CV.