

## James Johnson – Service Logistics Apprentice



I would choose an apprenticeship with JDR because you learn excellent skills and gain fantastic experience whilst earning a salary. The company has very skilled employees whom I love to work alongside and learn from daily. I have also always felt like I moulded in the team very well and always knew that I was a valued company employee.

I have benefitted from the apprenticeship programme by gaining new skills, and it has opened doors to lots of different careers and educational avenues that I wouldn't have thought of doing before my training.

The apprenticeship scheme is a great way to stand out from the crowd as you will gain a recognised qualification whilst having the work experience to back it up. My line manager puts time aside to help me understand processes and supports me with college tasks whilst I attend personal and development meetings to know precisely where I am in my career whilst providing the feedback I need to improve.

I work Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 5 pm. I start the day with a meeting with my line manager and work colleagues to plan and prioritise my tasks. At 9 am, we attend a daily call to find out what others in the department will be working on and any significant updates. Once the meeting has finished, we will work on the tasks that we need to complete and have further discussions and team updates when required throughout the day.

There are many different careers that I can go into once my apprenticeship is complete. However, I do enjoy working within the Asset Poole department and with such a great team. I am forever learning more and more about the company's processes and what logistics and assets are. I have gained knowledge within the asset sector and have decided that I would like to continue to work in an asset-based job, and the experience that I have received whilst working for JDR should be adequate for this.

In the future, I see myself working with JDR in an asset-based role whilst combining logistics. I hope one day to be a senior asset controller or an asset manager.

I would recommend with a hard-working attitude, confidence in your ability to communicate well with others, ability to cope in stressful situations, and excellent adaptability skills, the apprenticeship scheme will provide a great future. You will get paid whilst you learn, you will also get support through education, and there are lots of staff members who check on your mental wellbeing throughout the apprenticeship.

To conclude, you are given a full-time contract at the start of your apprenticeship, which provides you with the same rights as every other JDR employee.