



“Following in his father’s footsteps”

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I have been an apprentice for five months. My dad is a manager for OnSite so when I left school, I wanted to follow in his footsteps. We saw that there were apprenticeships available, so I decided to apply. I was invited for an interview and was pleased when I passed through to the second interview stage. There were around 15-16 people there and eight got accepted onto the apprenticeship. I was one of them and it felt amazing! It felt like a big thing as I was one of the youngest there.

When I first started, I did two weeks on each section to find out which one was best for me and which I wanted to do in my apprenticeship. I chose main laying which involves laying the pipe in the ground. **I found it very interesting and wanted to play a main part of the job.**

I wasn't sure what to expect as I had never worked before, so it was like starting from scratch. The course involves being out on-site, laying pipes, drilling into pipes to feed off connections to houses and pressure testing the pipes. I'm picking up a lot of skills to do with metering, leaks and plumbing.

I enjoy being out on-site, working with the team and cracking on with the job. I feel more confident in myself too. Walking down a street knowing that you have laid the pipe to support the street and the customers who live there is a big achievement.

I feel that the company invests a lot of time and money into apprentices and has our best interests at heart. There's always someone in the company that I can speak to. In the future, I would like to become a sub-contractor for OnSite. I would encourage other apprentices to never give up on what they want to do and always follow your dreams.