

## MAX ELECTRICAL ENGINEER APPRENTICE

**CHAMPIONX**



### What was your route into engineering?

I looked on the Government website for apprenticeships in my local area. This gave me lots of options and I applied for several including my electrical engineering apprenticeship with Champion X. Applying for an apprenticeship was very easy through the Government website.

I also applied to college as a back up plan just in case I wasn't successful getting an apprenticeship. It's always good to have a backup plan.

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

Definitely teamwork and communication skills!

My role involves working and liaising with lots of people. These won't necessarily be in my own team.

I am an Electrician and I often work with the Instrument Technician guys as we work on tasks that need support from both teams.

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

My personal highlight so far has been actually starting out on site after completing my 'off-the-job' year at SETA. I have been here for nearly a year now and have been able to apply so many of the skills and the knowledge that I gained whilst at SETA.

### What does an average day look like for you?

My working day on site starts at 7.20am. The whole Maintenance Team has a daily meeting to discuss that days work. We then work through until 9.30am, when we have a 10 minute break. At 12pm we have a 40 minute lunch break, with my day finishing at 3.40pm.

The work that the Maintenance Team do is incredibly important and varied to ensure the smooth running of the operation. A lot of it is reactive maintenance. Tasks vary from repairing a motor that has broken during a night shift, fixing lights or fitting a whole new distribution board.

We also have pre-planned maintenance work that is carried out, otherwise known as PM's. These will include such things as checks on electrical equipment. There is an ongoing maintenance plan for all the equipment on site scheduled across several years.

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

I chose an apprenticeship because I wanted to start working as soon as I left school. This enabled me to start a full-time job earning money.

But money wasn't the only reason!

Getting an apprenticeship allows you to work towards a nationally recognised qualification whilst getting hands-on experience on the job.

