

## FELIX ELECTRICAL FITTER APPRENTICE



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

I'm in the first year of my apprenticeship. Some of the time is spent with my employer depending on the timetable at SETA. As my employer is close to where I live I am able to cycle in to work. During this time I have started with basic tasks such as stock checks, goods-in, calibrating equipment, terminating cables etc.

As my knowledge grows with the practical experience at SETA during my 'off-the-job' workshop rotations, I will be given more responsibility at work and will be able to build on the skills that I have gained.

When I go to SETA I need to catch the train to and from their Apprenticeship Centre. In the morning, time is spent doing theory in the classroom, which we then put into practice in the afternoon in the electrical wiring bays. So far I have worked on Electrical Wiring & Testing, and Electrical Maintenance. I will be going on to do Electrical Assembly, PLC and Benchfitting before I continue with my 'on-the-job' training at work.

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

As an Electrical Fitter I will be part of a team that will install, test, maintain and repair electrical installations, equipment, circuits and wiring. These will have to be in accordance with the latest regulations and specifications. So, I'll be putting into practice the technical knowledge that I gain during my four-year apprenticeship in combination with problem-solving skills.

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

I want to gain work experience at the same time as getting a qualification. And of course you're getting paid while you are learning!

### What was your route in to getting an apprenticeship?

When I was at school, I chatted to the various stands at one of the careers fairs. When I was in year 10 I attended a Workshop Taster Day that SETA held to see what sort of engineering subjects they did. I also had a chat as part of a Recruitment Clinic to see what options I would have and how I would apply.

I went to Eastleigh College for a year, knowing that I really wanted to do an apprenticeship. So, during this time I went along to SETA's Jobs Fair during National Apprenticeship Week to chat to employers about their apprenticeship vacancies, before starting on my journey with Engineering Technology Applications Ltd (ETA).

