

# A Day In The Life Of A Tyne North Training Apprentice



*What is your first name?*

**Jack**

*What level of your apprenticeship are you on?*

**Fabrication and Welding  
(Pipefitter Welder)**

*Which company / organisation is your apprenticeship based?*

**Pipetawse LTD**

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## **What did you do before you started your apprenticeship with Tyne North Training?**

Before I started my apprenticeship, I decided to study Engineering and Computing at Kenton High 6th form to give me a better idea of what career I wanted. Within my 2 years of studying engineering we covered all aspects of engineering for 6 weeks blocks (practical and written). This gave me an insight into the type of engineering route I wanted to go down. As well as studying at 6th form I was working part time at my local McDonalds which helped me to earn money and pay for holidays and my car.

## **Tell us what your typical day on your apprenticeship programme with Tyne North Training is like...**

My typical day on my apprenticeship program is getting up at 6:30am and travelling to my place of work to start at 7:30am. Throughout the day you can be working alongside a tradesman where he will be passing down his knowledge to you or giving you a good understanding of the task ahead. Where you will be helping measuring, cutting, prepping and setting up Pipework as well as tacking the pipes together. When competent you can be given a drawing where you are by yourself, testing your skills in the industry and completing the task ahead. Finish work 4pm and travel home.

## **What made you opt for an apprenticeship? And what made you choose Tyne North Training?**

During 6th form, I did read a number of apprenticeship brochures and heard from our apprenticeship lecturer talking about opportunities you can achieve throughout a 4-year apprenticeship. These discussions taught me that you should opt for an apprenticeship which would provide me with workplace skills, an opportunity to climb the career ladder, complete NVQs and maybe even a Degree whilst earning money, gaining experience and being an asset to my employer. So, I decided that an apprenticeship would be best route for me in the long run.

I heard about Tyne North Training from a friend, who was already 2 years into his apprenticeship programme with TNT. He spoke very highly of the training center facilities, the teaching from the staff (practical and written) and the training officers being there for you if you needed anything. It was great that the training officers had firsthand experience in my specific trade. So, I decided to apply online to TNT and managed to get accepted after completing the aptitude test and interviews.

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## **What is it about the industry / role that made you want to pursue your apprenticeship with Tyne North Training?**

After completing my engineering qualification, I decided to go down the Fabrication and Welding route. In the process of going through the Tyne North Training application process I got a gained experience and knowledge from the training officers about why choosing fab and weld would be best suited to me. So, when I got the offer of starting a 4-year apprenticeship as a Pipefitter/Welder I didn't hesitate at accepting the offer as it was something that I knew I would enjoy and that I can build a fantastic career on.

## **What do you enjoy about your apprenticeship with Tyne North Training?**

Within my role as a Pipefitter/Welder I thoroughly enjoy my time with my company who are already providing me with a great experience on site and within the main head office. I am enjoying learning from the tradesman within the industry who are giving me the best advice I could receive. They are teaching me to the highest standard of becoming a Pipefitter or a Welder. Within my first 2 years I have been able to work away from home for a few months giving me experience on not just the big sites but living by myself and seeing how I cope. I am gaining not just work skills but day to day skills within my company and I couldn't be happier at this moment of time. My ambition is to get to the highest point on the ladder.

## **What THREE skills would you say are essential for your role?**

- Problem Solving and Math Skills
- Tool operation Knowledge (Practical Skills)
- Reading and Understanding Drawings for the Job

## **What would you say to someone who is considering applying for a Business Administration apprenticeship with Tyne North Training?**

The advice I would give to someone wanting an apprenticeship with Tyne North Training is go for it! You will receive the highest standard of training with their great facilities and teaching. As well as 1:1 time with your training officer who is there to help at any giving moment. Within the apprenticeship you start in the training school for 22 weeks. After this you start in the workplace. Tyne North Training offer apprenticeships in all aspects of engineering from electrical and mechanical to CAD CAM, so if you are interested in pursuing an apprenticeship in engineering then just apply. It's an excellent process from then on and you won't regret it.