



"Where are they now" case study

Lewis Postlethwaite

Started with Gen2 in 2006 as a Mechanical Apprentice



"Lewis Postlethwaite is a determined individual who started his career as a mechanical apprentice at Gen2 at 16 and has gone on to have an amazing engineering career across the world, despite being diagnosed with severe dyslexia."

Before joining Gen2 Lewis was tested and diagnosed at 14 with severe dyslexia. This diagnosis helped him to get the support he needed and he adapted his learning styles to be able to cope with main stream school. Lewis has always had a passion for engineering and comes from a long line of engineers. In his younger days Lewis spent a great deal of time working with his family on a range of building and engineering problems and really enjoyed the challenge. He knew engineering was the career for him.

Lewis applied to Gen2 at 16 as a mechanical apprentice and was delighted to be accepted. He spent his first year in the Gen2 training centre before working on site with his employer. During his apprenticeship he developed his fundamental engineering skills, working on a range of mechanical maintenance work, fault finding and working on new installations. Lewis also invested a lot of time and dedication to his academic studies, completing an ONC, HNC and HND before going onto a four years masters degree course in mechanical engineering, all whilst managing the added difficulties that his severe dyslexia entailed.

After gaining his degree, Lewis secured a position on the graduate programme with Morgan Advanced Materials as a continuous improvement engineer based in North Wales. After 12 months on the graduate programme Lewis discussed his career options and was delighted to be the first of his group to be chosen to work in Pennsylvania, USA as a technology development engineer. After a couple of years in America Lewis progressed in his career and is now a Technology Manager working in South Korea.

- Lewis stands as an exemplar of what can be achieved through drive and determination and we wish him the very best of luck in his continuing career.