

2018

Apprentice of the Year | **Winner: Aaron Johnson, Leonardo**

Celebrating young people demonstrating the potential to contribute greatly to the future of their company and the industry as a whole

Overview

Leonardo's Helicopter Division performs research, design, development, production, customer support and marketing of the company's extensive range of modern helicopters for commercial, public service, and security and defence applications.

Aaron Johnson works on tail rotor blades for the AW101 helicopters. This consists of stripping down blades and carrying out vital composite repairs and maintenance on them, so they can be sent back to the customers at the correct standard.

He has taken on several extra responsibilities both on and off the job.

He is a great ambassador for the company and the industry, demonstrating a willingness to give back to the industry. Aaron has worked air shows such as RIAT and Yeovilton; visited schools and promoted engineering to all ages; toured numerous guests around site and helped out on open days/evenings; been involved in numerous other STEM and Career events.

Since his nomination, Aaron has put himself forward to be the chair of the AWASA committee (the company's charity and social committee).



Aaron Johnson (left) collects the award for Apprentice of the Year from GRP Solutions Director, Brian Harpur (right).

The Composites UK Industry Awards are presented at the black-tie dinner which is aligned with the Composites Engineering Show in Birmingham.

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