

TRAINEE/APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

Shortlisted: James Stewart

The youngest full-time employee off CCP Grandsden who is a core member of the team.

Based near Belfast in Northern Ireland, CCP Grandsden has established itself as a leading specialist manufacturer of advanced composites. The company can trace its history back an impressive 125+ years, staying in family ownership, and keeping innovative engineering at its core.

James joined CCP Grandsden in 2015 at the age of 18 having completed his A-levels at a local secondary school. CCP Grandsden offered James the opportunity to upskill and gain concrete industry experience with a competitive wage through fully funding his part-time study at Ulster University in an engineering specific degree (Course fees, with weekly time allocated to attend lectures or personal study included in his hours). James chose to undertake the Mechatronic Engineering BEng (Hons) course [6 year course 2015-2021] and expects to graduate with a top grade.

Despite being CCP Grandsden’s youngest full-time employee, following an extensive on-the-job development programme, James has become a core member of the engineering team who can be relied upon. Off his own accord James chose to write his dissertation on simulation modelling of one of CCP Grandsden’s current manufacturing lines. This work offered time and cost savings which the production team integrated into their subsequent upgrade.



MD, Jim Erskine writes;

“A few years ago, James was an inexperienced and uncertain school leaver. He has now transformed himself into a well-respected engineer, who hopefully will continue to add real value to the company after he graduates next year. He has worked hard, done well, and deserves recognition.”

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