

**TRAINEE/APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR**

**Winner: Thomas Wakefield**

**A hard-working, determined team player who is well liked by his colleagues within the business.**

Thomas Wakefield is currently undertaking the third year of the Trailblazer Composite Technician apprenticeship at Teledyne CML Composites, an established composites manufacturer with an excellent track record in the on-time supply of high-quality composite components & assemblies to commercial aerospace & defence aerospace customers worldwide.

The “Trailblazer” Composite Technician Apprenticeship is run in association with the National Composites Centre, Composites UK and the Engineering College in Birkenhead and was developed to provide students with a wide and specialised knowledge of all aspects of composite manufacture and applications.

During his apprenticeship, Thomas has worked in numerous departments across the business including in the Cleanrooms, on the 5-Axis machine centres, in the Engineering & Quality departments and most recently working to support a Continuous Improvement initiative. As part of the continuous improvement initiative, Thomas is participating in a number of projects including 5S organisation methods, Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE) Trackers, SIPOC board introduction and Value Stream Mapping, which require him to update senior managers as they are rolled out throughout the business.

Throughout his apprenticeship, Thomas has undertaken a number of off-the-job training courses independently to further his education, most recently studying an “APM



Fundamentals” level 6 course, run by the Association of Project Management which he will complete in summer 2021.

Since joining Teledyne CML Composites, Thomas has shown himself to be a determined young man. He is hardworking, reliable, conscientious, a team player and keen to progress his career, which is reflected in his performance within the business, in his studies at the Engineering College and in his future plans for Higher Education.

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