

APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR AWARD**WINNER: Kurtis Russ**

Kurtis has shown outstanding dedication and initiative throughout his apprenticeship, demonstrating technical excellence and leadership beyond his years.

As a cross-functional apprentice technician, he has gained hands-on experience across all areas of R-TECH Materials, from composites and water fittings testing to administrative coordination.

Within his first six months, Kurtis played a pivotal role in developing R-TECH's composite rebar testing capabilities, making the company the first UK laboratory accredited for this service.

He independently trialled potting agents, verified testing programs, and now oversees all software verifications across the business.

Kurtis is also leading the development of a bespoke Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS), which is transforming how R-TECH operates, streamlining communication, reducing turnaround times, and improving efficiency across departments.

Alongside his professional achievements, Kurtis is completing a BEng Degree Apprenticeship in Materials Engineering, attending university weekly while excelling in his full-time role.

His proactive attitude, problem-solving ability, and enthusiasm for continuous improvement make him an invaluable team member and a future leader in the composites industry.

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