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FINALIST: Frazer Scott

Frazer Scott is Lead Mechanical Fitter for Cygnet Texkimp's Wide Web Converting product stream, leading the assembly and installation of specialist equipment at the company's Cheshire facility and customer sites. He began his career with Cygnet Texkimp as a 16-year-old apprentice and, after completing his apprenticeship, returned to the business three years ago. He progressed to Lead Mechanical Fitter in 2026.

Frazer is currently studying for a Level 3 BTEC in electrical installation, building on his mechanical engineering qualification. He has also begun a two-year development programme to become a Commissioning Engineer, broadening his expertise across mechanical, electrical, software and applications engineering. His technical and leadership abilities were demonstrated when he led the build and installation of a full-scale automated manufacturing machine for a major automotive customer. Over a 12-week programme, Frazer coordinated the installation and worked closely with software and applications teams to bring the machine into operation. His customer described his leadership, problem-solving and communication as key to the successful installation.

Frazer also plays an important role in developing the next generation of engineers. He coaches and mentors Cygnet Texkimp's apprentices, sharing his technical knowledge while helping them develop safe working practices, professionalism and confidence. He is also actively involved in STEM outreach, regularly visiting local schools to promote engineering careers. One school representative described him as an "excellent role model" whose experiences had inspired students to pursue STEM education and work experience.

What sets Frazer apart is his combination of technical capability, leadership and willingness to learn. He takes ownership of challenging projects, builds strong relationships with customers and colleagues, and consistently looks for opportunities to develop his own skills. At the same time, he is committed to supporting apprentices and encouraging the next generation into engineering. Frazer's progression from apprentice to Lead Mechanical Fitter, alongside his continued development towards commissioning, demonstrates his determination, versatility and significant potential as a future leader in composites engineering.



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