

Meet Stephen!

Stephen is a Junior Engineer at ACL. He has been with the company for over 2 years and is currently on the Level 3 Fire and Security Apprenticeship program.

Why did you choose an apprenticeship?

“ Having previously established a career within the audio visual maintenance and events industry, I wanted a career change. This was mostly because I wanted a good work-life balance, so I began an apprenticeship in the fire and security industry. I also wanted to continue working instead of having to take time out to focus on my studies. An apprenticeship meant that whilst still getting a qualification I would be able to pay my mortgage. ”

Can you describe what a typical working week looks like for you?

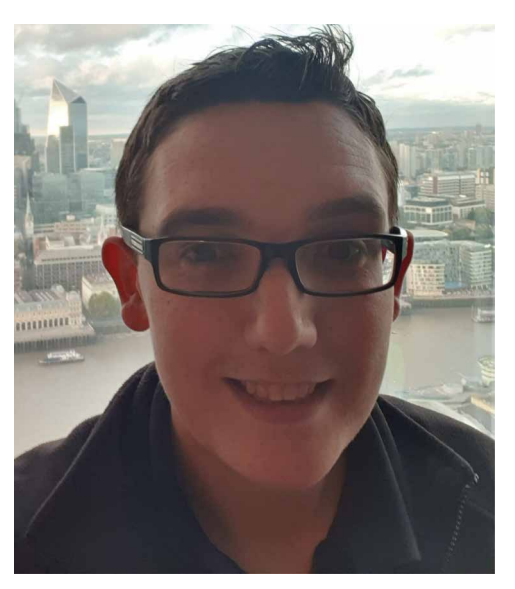
“ We're very fortunate to be involved with a lot of clients in the London area, but this means that we are in high demand, so time management is very important. I usually prefer to take pictures of all the work I do in stages, which provides evidence of progression, and then I can move on to the next task. I sit down with a cup of coffee and collate, then upload the past few weeks of work in large chunks. ”

Do you feel the apprenticeship has met your expectations so far – both from the program and employee point of view??

“ The first year lays a lot of groundwork, focusing on the basics of the industry. Some key parts I found useful were the focus on the various British Standards and hands on time with equipment such as a Texecom panel, which helped to increase my confidence working on them. ”

What would you say to someone that is looking to start their apprenticeship?

“ The time has been well invested and has supported my work on site, making me more confident of my abilities and how to approach challenges that I may come across in the field. If you're considering making a start, even if you only have a bit of experience in the field, I would fully recommend an apprenticeship. ”



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APPRENTICESHIP: Fire and Security

LEVEL: 3

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