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Freddie Maidment Civil Engineering Apprentice Bristol Office

Freddie Maidment, a Civil Engineer Technician Apprentice, reflects on his apprenticeship experience at Clarkebond.

“Working here has been a fantastic learning experience. I’ve been soaking up a diverse range of skills that are really boosting my career in civil engineering. It’s not just about technical know-how – I’ve been diving into various programs, and the support from my peers has been key to making me feel at home in this professional setting.

What’s surprised me most is the personal growth. I’ve gained confidence and overcome the hesitation to seek guidance. I’ve also developed some valuable social skills along the way. Balancing work and studies has been surprisingly smooth. College feels integrated into my routine, and Clarkebond’s been super supportive, offering time and help within the workplace for my academic pursuits.

The mentorship and guidance from my colleagues have been game-changers. I started with minimal knowledge, but the senior folks here have been rock solid in guiding me. Their support has been instrumental in navigating the complexities of the workplace.

At Clarkebond, my daily work involves using AutoCAD, a 2D software central to refining and updating civil engineering plans. This is crucial for tasks like updating highway plans and optimizing drainage runs. I’ve also delved into Site 3D, an advanced tool for tackling complex issues in civil engineering. My projects mainly focus on housing schemes in the Bristol area, involving significant drainage and highway work.

With National Apprenticeship Week coming up, it’s got me thinking about what I’ve accomplished. While I can point to specific achievements, what really makes me proud is knowing that my contributions, no matter how small, are helping the company grow and achieve its goals.”

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Thomas Gilroy Civil Engineering Apprentice London Office

Thomas Gilroy, a Civil Engineering Apprentice at Clarkebond's London office, reflects on his apprenticeship experience.

"One of the standout aspects for me has been the site visits. There's a unique thrill in taking an investigation from the field and crafting it into a comprehensive report. It's hands-on, it's real, and it's been an incredibly enjoyable part of the apprenticeship.

Speaking of expectations, this apprenticeship has gone beyond what I envisioned. The level of exposure and practical learning has been truly remarkable, and it's made the experience richer and more rewarding. In a surprising twist, my skills with tools like Outlook, Word, and Excel have undergone a significant transformation. I thought I knew my way around them, but this journey has revealed there's always more to learn and discover.

Balancing the demands of work and studying can be a bit of a tightrope walk at times, but with a solid schedule in place, it's manageable. It's all about sticking to the plan and finding that rhythm. The support and guidance from mentors and colleagues have played a pivotal role in my professional growth. Their wealth of experience and willingness to share insights have accelerated my understanding across a spectrum of industry topics—from the technical intricacies to the business dimensions.

As we gear up for National Apprenticeship Week, I find myself reflecting on a specific accomplishment that stands out. Participating in significant projects, especially those involving buildings that hold a bit of fame."

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