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Benjamin Gornall, MPE's newest apprentice

MPE recruits best young talent for apprenticeships

As MPE begins the sixth year of its apprenticeship scheme, the number of apprentices offered positions within MPE has continued to grow, so that they now comprise over 10% of the workforce.

This increase coincides with the expansion in production and turnover being experienced year-on-year by MPE. Accordingly MPE recruited another apprentice in September 2021, taking the total number of apprenticeships provided by the company since the start of the scheme to eight.

Having joined in September, Benjamin Gornall is the newest apprentice to come on board and is eagerly looking forward to his on- and off-the-job skills training incorporated in his three-year fabrication apprenticeship at MPE. This will be running in conjunction with advanced manufacturing training provider the North West Training Council (NWTC), based at Wellington Business Park, Kirkdale, Liverpool.



Apprentices on the shopfloor at MPE: from left to right, Gillam Prescott, Jacob Grosscurth, Jack Gorman, Bradley Reed, Liam Reed, Ben Meadley

To date, and despite pressures such as from the Covid-19 pandemic, MPE has been able to offer manufacturing positions to all the apprentices following the completion of their apprenticeship, in line with its dedication to the advancement of young talent. Indeed, one of MPE's first apprentices, Ben Meadley, progressed to higher studies and has completed his HNC in Electronic and Electrical Engineering, where he achieved a distinction and was nominated as an Apprentice of The Year finalist.

The company's commitment to a vigorous, continuing apprenticeship programme has been acknowledged by Make UK (formerly the Engineering Employers' Federation), where in 2018 MPE finished runner-up in the Developing Future Talent category at the National Manufacturing Awards in London.



Apprentice Jacob Grosscurth (right) under instruction in the capacitor winding room at MPE

Further recognition followed in 2019 at The Manufacturer MX Awards in partnership with the Institution of Mechanical Engineers – in which MPE was a finalist in their People and Skills category – and from the North West Training Council, where MPE apprentices came first and third in the Three-Year Overall Apprentice award.



The North West Training Council (NWTC) Engineering Training Centre

