

TEAM FC AT CAREERS EXPO

WANTING TO RECRUIT MORE APPRENTICE'S UK-BASED FC CARTONS TOOK UP THE INVITE TO SHOWCASE THEIR BUSINESS AT THE CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE CAREERS EXPO.

Armed with Q & A's from two of their apprentices, fc Cartons showed a video of the production area and took sample cartons that they thought would provoke a conversation; fast food & takeaways seemed to work well.


They chatted to a lot of youngsters during the morning, some had clear aspirations for the future, others said they didn't know what they wanted to do, but were polite and listened to the sales pitch on how to become part of Team fc. It was interesting that some of the students were looking for apprenticeships, so it was great to give them the Q&A case studies of how Ryan and Joel had progressed and what Qualifications they had gained.

Debra Woodyatt, Director of Finance & Systems, said, "We listened to how the apprentice journey had been for both of them, the information they shared was very interesting, the differences they felt from a school learning environment to the learning they did in the workplace, it was a very powerful exercise. The feedback we received left us feeling really proud as employers to have taken these young men on a journey that has clearly

made a difference to them." With further investment in their technical development and innovation department, Team fc are considering an additional apprentice to further strengthen this area of the business - there was certainly a lot of interest in the graphic & design area.

Debra continued, "I felt that there were a number of students who had shown a real interest in our business, so I suggested to the college that if they identified those students, we would be delighted to offer an Open Day for them to provide a more detailed and live experience. Here's to summer 2023 when these local young people leave school and look to the next stage of their development."


Nathan Barratt, Vice Principal, Castle Donington College, concluded, "Thank you so much to everybody for attending our Careers Expo, the feedback has been incredibly positive. Lots of staff came up to me yesterday afternoon to report that the pupils were buzzing about their futures and year 11 were particularly focussed. Thank you so much for giving your time to inspire our young people." ■



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Team fc
Apprenticeship profile:

Trainee Gluing Machine Operator
Commenced October 2019 and has attained:
Diploma NVQ Level 2 in Performing Manufacturing Operations



Q1 What did you the 15/16 year old have in mind for a career path?

- Didn't have a career path in mind
- Open to anything
- Hands on

Q2 How did you find your apprentice learning compared to school?

- Better
- Easier to listen and learn
- More focused teaching
- 1 to 1
- Easier to communicate

Q3 What have you achieved since leaving school?

- Gained qualifications
- Passed my Driving Test
- Gained confidence

Q4 Is there one thing that comes to mind if you think about your apprenticeship at FC

- Allowed me to grow up
- Became more independent
- Beneficial
- Interesting

Q5 What does the future look like for you?


- Move out
- Live independently - grow up more
- Earn good money


Q6 What would you say to yourself now if you could go back to being 16?

- Not to worry about not getting on in school
- Do things that please and interest you

Q7 How do you feel about the FC Team?

- Very positive
- Hardworking
- Easy to get on with
- Like a family





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Team fc
Apprenticeship profile:

Die Cutting Machine Operator
Commenced July 2016 age 16 and has attained:
Diploma NVQ Level 2 in Performing Manufacturing Operations



Q1 What did you the 15/16 year old have in mind for a career path?

- Didn't have a plan
- Open minded - I did a year at college studying Vehicle Mechanics

Q2 How did you find your apprentice learning compared to school?

- Its more hands on - learning was exciting
- Better than having my head in a book
- It was one to one - I never felt stupid

Q3 What have you achieved since leaving school?

- Passed my driving test
- Foreign Holiday
- Apprentice qualifications
- Job knowledge
- Carton knowledge
- I have more friends & a girlfriend
- I'm confident, I've come out of my shell - I've gone from a kid to a man

Q4 Is there one thing that comes to mind if you think about your apprenticeship at FC

- They believe in me

Q5 What does the future look like for you?

- I want to get on the property ladder
- I drive an Audi A3 - I've had 3 cars whilst I've been at FC - a Corsa & now 2 Audi's
- I'm comfortable, I want to improve each year
- FC have invested so much in me and their time, I can't ever see me leaving

Q6 What would you say to yourself now if you could go back to being 16?

- Keep your head down
- Don't let little distractions set you back
- See the bigger picture & avoid pressure

Q7 How do you feel about the FC Team?

- Welcoming
- Friends
- Make you feel comfortable
- Everyone gets on with everyone, no divides

