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Meet Tatiana and find out about her apprenticeship

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Hi, I'm Tatiana Peters and I live in Watford. I have just finished my four-year _____ engineering advanced apprenticeship at MBDA Missile Systems, based in Stevenage. A fun fact about me is that I am half Mauritian and can speak _____, which is the native language of Mauritius. In November 2019, I won the national ' _____ Apprentice of the Year' award at the National Apprenticeship Awards 2019.

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My apprenticeship scheme was really good because I was allowed to move _____ on placements every 3-6 months so that I could experience the versatility of engineering. At the end of the scheme, I got to pick my favourite placement as my final job, which was really good!

A couple of examples of what I got to do in this time include working in:

- Manufacturing - creating simulation test racks and assembling and _____ parts of the missiles.
- Industrial Policy, Global Supply Chain & Procurement – contacting our _____, gaining quotes and purchasing mechanical parts for our teams.
- Mechanical Analysis – helping to provide structural clearance to MBDA's products by calculating mass properties, shear force, stress/strain and bending moments.
- Mechanical Design – Using Computer Aided _____ to design my own tooling used for missile alignment.
- Mechanical Future Concepts – working with the research and development team to create my own concept missile.

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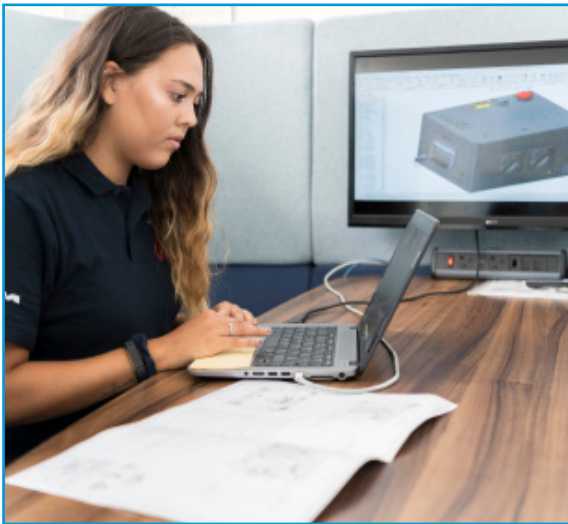
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I chose to be an apprentice because an apprenticeship combines _____ with industry experience, and so I could apply theory into a real working environment. I originally applied for University also, but when I was offered this apprenticeship, I had to quickly cancel my student loan and reject my University offer! This just seemed like the best option for me as I would gain a recognised qualification, learn how to do the work, as well as the added bonus of earning a _____. Moving placement keeps the scheme exciting and spontaneous also.



During my scheme, I have had many opportunities and great experiences. In my first placement, I was able to help with a trial on HMS _____, which was really exciting. Halfway through the scheme, I organised the 'MBDA _____ Challenge.' This was an event that included students and their parents teaming up and going head-to-head with other student-parent teams. The challenge had a range of engineering activities that showed different aspects of engineering. Another highlight is being part of the Charity Challenge committee and organising the charity ball three years in a row for local _____ charities.

Since finishing the apprenticeship scheme, MBDA have sponsored me to start a _____ degree in Engineering, which I started in October 2019. After I graduate, I plan to work towards becoming a _____ Engineer. I would also like to progress to a level of management. A goal of mine is to become a more known role model to inspire young students, especially girls, into an engineering path.

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How did you do?

Once you've finished check the answer sheet to see how many you got right!

My score _____

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Answer sheet

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