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FURNITURE MAKER APPRENTICE



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WHICH APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Furniture Manufacturer.

WHAT LEVEL IS YOUR APPRENTICESHIP?

Intermediate (level 2).

WHAT DO YOU DO?

I make kitchen and bedroom drawers, using machinery to cut the backs and the bases. Sometimes I use different machines to cut cardboard channels for packaging. I also use specialist drills to punch holes in metal. The machinery is very specialist and includes cut to size machines, rip saws, drills, and automatic feeders and stackers.



WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

I don't have one particular project - it's all my apprenticeship! I love being given more and more responsibility to use all the machinery we use in the workshop. The latest is the dim saw, which stands for dimension saw. It's a very serious piece of equipment and being trusted to use it is fantastic. Every time I progress to new machinery it is very exciting.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST APPRENTICESHIP MOMENT?

I was asked to be one of the 'meet and greet team,' welcoming customers when HPP held a trade show in a hotel near to our factory. There were more than 300 people who came along on the day. I was nervous about meeting all those customers beforehand because I'd never done anything like that before. But I soon got used to it and I really enjoyed the day in the end. I was really proud that I was chosen to represent HPP in that way.

WHICH FEMALE INSPIRES YOU AND WHY?

It isn't just one person - it's the girl group Little Mix. I love their strong female attitude!

**I HAVE A POINT TO PROVE AND I'M GOING
TO PROVE IT!**

