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BEST OF BOTH WORLDS



Laura Mair working and learning as AJ's first Graduate Level Apprentice

AJ Engineering has become one of the first in the north to take on an engineering Graduate Level Apprentice (GLA).

Laura Mair (20) joined the company with four other apprentices at the start of September.

Laura is undertaking a GLA in Engineering, Design and Manufacturing alongside our education partner Heriot-Watt University, which offers apprentices a route to gain a bachelor's level degree while working.

MD Alan James said he was excited AJ Engineering was embracing this

new work-based learning route.

He said: "Graduate Level Apprenticeships (GLA) are the next step for work-based learning and of course, with our history of taking on apprentices since the company was created, we jumped at the chance to be involved.

"This is a great way for young people to get a degree whilst actually gaining real-time experience in the workplace."

Laura added that she was delighted to join the AJ team: "I have a HNC in Mechanical Engineering and once that finished I really wasn't sure what

I was going to do. Then I saw this opportunity.

"It really suits me as I wanted to get stuck in and just get going in the work place.

"Now I feel I have the best of both worlds. I can get an education, but learn on the job, there is nothing that can really compare to that."

Also starting at AJ Engineering in the same week as Laura are apprentices in Welding and Fabrication, Bethany Bass (25), Angus Duggie (27), Calum Openshaw (18) and Jake Innes (16).

Read the full story at www.ajengineering.co.uk/news

Pictured left to right are apprentices Jake Innes (16), Angus Duggie (27), Laura Mair (20) and Calum Openshaw (18).

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Could you be a STEM Ambassador?

AJ Engineering is encouraging members of staff to become a STEM Ambassador.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Ambassadors are volunteers that aim to inspire young people to become interested in STEM subjects and consider a career in a STEM industry.

Ambassadors are asked to hold a minimum of one event a year which could be anything from mentoring students in a variety of subjects or getting involved in a careers event. Or, you could help run an engineering project or host a school visit to the AJ Engineering site.

AJ Engineering prides itself on its

work in the community and having a STEM Ambassador will help facilitate this and will create great promotional opportunities too. Full support from the company and the PR team at Chit Chat PR & Digital will be given.

To find out more, get in touch with Jazmin Kellas in the Forres office.

Light fantastic!

Following our support for Piping At Forres and The Highland Military Tattoo, AJ Engineering is also now proudly investing in Colours of Cluny.

Colours of Cluny is a spectacular sound and light show which will highlight the beauty of Cluny Hill this November.

Tickets are now on sale from www.coloursofcluny.com

Picture:
Marc Hindley



Not-so-new faces at AJ Engineering

AS well as welcoming our five new apprentices, AJ Engineering is also now home to one new and one returning member of staff.

Myles Hunter and Allan Martin have both joined us from Gael Force Engineering.

Myles has returned to AJE after leaving us around six years ago and we are delighted to welcome him back. When he left us, he took a year out and then worked for Watson Steel on the O2 Dome and Phase 1 of the Wimbledon roof.

His desire to return to the steel construction industry has led him back to us and he will take on the role as steel erector/cladder supervisor.

In his spare time he likes to go cycling, swimming and camping with his son Aidan (10).

Allan is also not a brand new face as him and MD Alan James go way back to the days of William Reid. He started

out as an apprentice draughtsman and for the last few years has been a project manager.

He said: "I very much enjoyed my time with Gael Force, but it was

time for a change and some new challenges. I have already got stuck into some new projects here at AJE including some work on the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route."



Allan Martin



Myles Hunter