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Apprenticeships Experience

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Modern Apprenticeship

- Started in Thales late 2012.
- Worked on complex Naval systems.
- Developed key Engineering Skills
- Understood the Thales way of working



Reasons for Choosing MA

- Earn while you learn.
- Hungry to learn.
- Nationally recognised qualification (SVQ Level 3 & HNC)
- Receive employee benefits.
- New challenges.
- Opened doors for the next challenge.

“Graduate Apprenticeships are about experiential learning. Compared to theoretical learning alone, the difference is like learning Spanish in a classroom in Glasgow, compared to learning Spanish while living in Madrid.”

Helyn Gould, Deputy Vice Principal of Teaching and Learning at University of Strathclyde

Graduate Apprenticeship

- Partnership with Strathclyde well known for Engineering.
- Course content related closely to what I was doing in work.
- Programme followed the IEng competencies and allowed for application.
- Progression from Technician to Manufacturing Engineer
- Next natural step.



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Advice

- Never turn down an opportunity to learn something useful.
- The more effort you put in the more reward you will get.
- Difficult to find the balance but definitely worth it for the future.
- Build on the knowledge you already have.

