

# Apprentice Case Study



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Before applying to Alliance Learning, I was working at Alpha Solway Ltd as a Quality Co-ordinator. My job consisted of checking quality standards and comparing them to masks coming out of production. I decided to undertake an Apprenticeship, because I always had an interest in Engineering and decided this was the best way to gain hands-on experience.

I have always been fascinated by the operations side of the business and found myself shadowing Engineers at my place of work. I really enjoyed getting my hands dirty and having a go at putting things together, so as soon as the opportunity arose, I grabbed it with both hands.

Alpha Solway Ltd is a leading UK manufacturer of personal protective equipment. Their innovative products are sold all over the world and offer quality, consistency, and value. As part of an accelerated response to the COVID-19 crisis, they have significantly increased their output capability with two new factories in England and Scotland.

Since becoming an Apprentice at Alpha Solway Ltd, I have been nominated for a Rising Star award at Alliance Learning and I've also learnt how to use hand tools, battery-operated tools and diagnose issues with machines.

During my normal working day, I perform a myriad of tasks. A few of these consist of performing machine maintenance, booking machine parts into stores and assisting with training engineers on how to use the Pirana system.

In the future, I would like to gain more knowledge on robotics and how they work and are built. I also like the idea of becoming an Engineering Manager.

Overall, I'm enjoying my time at Alliance Learning. All the tutors are very supportive, they always want to help you as best as they can. I've worked with Keith, Nick, Carl and Gary and all of these guys are brilliant! I'm very appreciative of the tutors I've been able to work alongside and learn from them.