

Maisie at DP World

Who is Maisie?

Maisie is an Engineering Maintenance Apprentice at DP World. Her training provider is The Southampton Engineering Training Association (SETA).

Maisie's background

I went to Thornden School and briefly went to Peter Symonds College, where I studied Biology, Chemistry and Math's.

The main focus at my school was college, then university. I thought that that was where I was heading but I only completed the first term before I realised it wasn't for me and I didn't enjoy classroom learning.

I am a multi-skilled engineer at the moment, so learning electrical and mechanical engineering. I am one of 2 girls out of 50 apprentices. I am currently in my first year, and I visit the training centre every day. I won't go on site until my second year. We study in both the classroom and workshop environment. In the workshop, we do tasks such as wiring, welding, metal fabrication and milling.

Why Maisie chose an apprenticeship

Both of my parents are employment officers at the City Council so, when I decided college wasn't for me, they explained my other options. They supported me with whatever I wanted to choose. I knew I still wanted to learn; I love learning, but I knew I didn't learn well in the classroom setting so an apprenticeship felt like the right way to go.

I chose an apprenticeship because you can keep learning, get the same qualifications and get experience. You can also start networking within your industry, and it gives you a better idea of what to expect and whether or not you will enjoy the job.

Application process

I found this apprenticeship on the government website, I had to hand in a CV and a cover letter. They then gave me some questions to answer. After that, I was given an interview. It was a panel interview with 3 interviewers. Next, there was a medical exam which included testing whether I was afraid of heights by going up on the crane. Once this was completed and went well, I was offered the job.

Hopes for the future

I hope to complete my level 3 BTEC qualification, then complete my level 4 HNC qualification, then complete my apprenticeship and be a permanent member on the maintenance team. I do hope to stay with DP World, they are a good company to work for, and I would like to climb up through the ranks. I'm not 100% sure how the structure looks but I know there is room for progression.