



# MY APPRENTICESHIP JOURNEY



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## / NAME:

**Chris Kehoe**

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Chris is just starting out on his degree apprenticeship journey with the University of Salford and William Hare. We asked Chris why he chose this route and what he is looking forward to most.

### / Why did you decide to do a degree apprenticeship?

I realised I could get my degree fully funded and earn a salary at the same time which is a pretty good deal! I knew that the engineering industry I was keen to get into, really valued work experience and so when I came across the degree apprenticeship route, I knew it was for me.

### / What are you looking forward to the most?

I am really looking forward to applying my knowledge and being able to put into practice what I have learnt on a daily basis. I didn't want to learn the theory side then have to wait until I have graduated to get out there and see how it actually works in real life.

### / Can you tell us a bit about your employer?

The William Hare Group provides world-leading engineered steel solutions to some of the world's most innovative and sustainable construction projects. William Hare are very supportive of degree apprenticeships which is great. Once I have completed my degree apprenticeship, I will be fully qualified and have all the work experience behind me too – it really is win-win for both myself and my employer.

### / How does it work with studying and working at the same time?

I will be studying on a day-release basis every Tuesday from 9am-6pm. The rest of the week I will be in work. I think it will be challenging but as long as I am organised and can manage my time effectively, I'm sure it will work out!

### / What would your advice be to others?

I would definitely recommend the degree apprenticeship route as I truly believe this will put you ahead of others in terms of your employability. The experience you gain in the workplace is invaluable and will put you in a great position in terms of your future career.

### / Find out more

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