



Ross Houltyby

Studied: Level 3 Engineering

Now working for Humdinger Foods as an Assistant Engineer

Meet Ross Houltyby, Assistant Engineer at Humdinger Foods. Ross studied at the college for 5 years, starting on an entry level course called Skills for Work and progressed through the levels up to Level 3 Engineering.

Ross's passion has always been engineering so when he finished his level 2 qualification but didn't have the grades he needed to enter the Level 3 Engineering course, he did an internship within the engineering department alongside technician Roger McKown. This gave him the entry requirements he needed. Despite being on the autistic spectrum, nothing got in Ross's way when it came to doing what he loves.

Ross confidently spoke at the College's annual awards ceremony during his last month of studying and kept the audience entertained with his jokes.

Having studied engineering for two years and knowing he wanted to progress with his career, Ross was applying for jobs and did a couple of courses through the job centre. One of them being a progression in to work course at Humdinger Foods whereby after finishing this, they recruited him on a six-month contract for 20 hours a week. Ross is now Assistant Engineer there and is on a 30-hour contract. He is hoping for full time hours or to enter into an apprenticeship. Ross is also hoping to study an electrical installations course alongside his work so that he can progress in the work place and take on more responsibilities.

"Grantham College helped me understand how to prioritise work and to also look at realistic targets that I can work towards. I'm really glad I studied at Grantham College and would highly recommend it," Ross commented.

Ross is really pleased with finding work in his chosen field after just ten months of leaving college and is also the proud owner of a driving licence, passing with just two minors!