

PRESS RELEASE

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Apprenticeship success continues for KNAPP

As another two apprentices – Corey Seagrove and Andy Rogers – approach the completion of their four-year training programme, KNAPP UK is preparing to recruit more young people to start in September.

KNAPP apprentices.jpg

KNAPP UK apprentices, Corey Seagrove (left) and Andy Rogers (right)

Corey (20) and Andy (21) – both based at the site of KNAPP customer, John Lewis, in Milton Keynes – will graduate in June with HNCs in Mechatronics. Their qualifications have been achieved through a combination of study at Toyota's Apprentice Development Centre in Burnaston, provided in partnership with Burton and South Derbyshire College, and on-the-job training as part of the resident engineering team at John Lewis' Magna Park Campus.

Commented Jason Clark, KNAPP UK's Site Operations Manager at John Lewis, "Andy and Corey have worked very hard to complete their apprenticeships and have already proven themselves to be great assets for our company in serving our client, John Lewis."

Jason Clark.jpg

Jason Clark, KNAPP's Site Operations Manager at John Lewis

KNAPP UK is delighted with the continuing success of its apprenticeship programme, which it has been offering for over 10 years now. Having completed an apprenticeship himself at the start of his career, Jason Clark is clear about the benefits of this approach to training and recruitment. "It's win-win," he said. "The young people we employ have the opportunity to achieve recognised qualifications and begin a career with a successful company. Meanwhile, we benefit from their talent and are able to ensure that they acquire the precise skills that we – and our clients – need. In my experience," he added, "apprentices value our input highly and reward it with loyalty."

Apprentices at work.jpg

Corey Seagrove (left) and Andy Rogers (right) at work as part of KNAPP's resident Customer Service team at John Lewis' distribution centre in Milton Keynes

A recent report from Engineering UK estimated that the UK needs 1.8 million new engineers by 2025. "It's a huge target," said Jason Clark, "but the apprenticeship levy scheme, introduced back in 2017, is definitely helping to boost the availability of apprenticeships, and the cost of higher education generally has also helped raise the

attractiveness of apprenticeships with young people and their families. We've found that apprenticeships are a great way of plugging the skills gap that exists in intralogistics today, particularly in customer service. We now have 12 resident service sites across the UK and Ireland, so the opportunities are widespread."

KNAPP deploys resident service teams at customer distribution centres in Bradford, Burton-on-Trent, Corby, Derby, Dublin, Leicester, Milton Keynes, Peterborough, Preston, Stoke-on-Trent, Street and Welham Green. For more information on an apprenticeship with KNAPP, email service.uk@knapp.com.

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