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**Providing the  
Vital Connection**

**Jack Stewart, Maintenance Technician**



My Apprenticeship Journey at JDR Cables System

**Introduction**

My name is Jack Stewart, and I am 18 years old. I am currently working as a Maintenance Technician at JDR Cables, Hartlepool. While studying at the Hartlepool College of Further Education. I am enrolled on the Electrical Engineering HNC course, which lasts two years, and upon completion, I will receive a Higher National Certificate in Electrical Engineering .

**Why I Chose an Apprenticeship Over University**

When deciding on my next steps after school, I wanted a hands-on approach to learning while gaining real-world experience. An apprenticeship at JDR allowed me to develop practical skills in a professional setting, and avoid the debt that often comes with university. I was also keen on working within the industry from the start, rather than spending several years in a purely academic environment.

**The Highlight of Working at JDR**

One of the best aspects of working at JDR has been the mentorship from skilled professionals, that has allowed me to learn valuable hands on skills. It has given me the opportunity to apply what I learn at college directly to my job, making my education more relevant and engaging.

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### Future Education Plans

After completing my apprenticeship, I plan to expand my knowledge by undertaking a degree, this degree would be a follow on from my HNC and will allowed me to develop my knowledge. My, goal is to continue growing my knowledge and expertise to advance in my career.

### Where I See Myself in Five Years

In five years, I see myself as an experienced member of the JDR company, while working through the company and completing my degree, to expand my knowledge and skills in the workplace. JDR has provided me with a strong foundation to build upon, and I am excited about the opportunities ahead.

### Conclusion

Choosing an apprenticeship at JDR has been one of the best decisions I have made. It has given me the chance to develop valuable skills, gain industry experience, and set myself up for a successful career. For anyone considering an apprenticeship, I would highly recommend it as a great way to kick-start your professional journey.