



Molly - Apprentice Mechanical Fitter

Molly never thought she would do a job in engineering.

Now she's on an apprenticeship, helping build some of the world's most recognisable trucks.

Peterlee is the home of Caterpillar's articulated truck. "You can go anywhere in the world and you'll find the truck. When you see them driving on the highway, to know you've played a part in building it, that's really rewarding."

Molly's a natural born problem-solver, and it's her responsibility to assess newly completed trucks, identifying and fixing any mechanical issues before they are sent on to customers. "I feel really privileged because I've learnt a lot in three years - so much so that people on the shop floor actually come to me for advice!"

While finishing her GCSE's Molly spoke to her school careers adviser, who suggested the government's apprenticeship website, Get In Go Far. Spotting the apprenticeship with Caterpillar flicked a switch, and after a tough selection process she got offered the job the day before her school prom.

Today she loves what she does, and never looks back. "We always say here that working on the truck is like playing with those construction kits you got when you were younger, all nuts and bolts but on a much bigger scale. It's always lots of fun and the day goes by really quickly."

2015
Studied for GCSEs including a GCSE in Graphic Design

July 2015
Applied for the Caterpillar Peterlee apprenticeship scheme

September 2015
Began her apprenticeship and a Level 3 BTEC Engineering Diploma at Hartlepool College

2016 - 2017
Started studying for a Level 3 NVQ alongside her BTEC

2017 - 2018
Started a Level 4 HNC in Mechanical Engineering

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