



On the 2nd July 2018, SIMPSON had the pleasure of welcoming Lewis Deighton to the team for a 4week work experience placement.

Lewis is currently studying for a **Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment** at York College, as he aspires to become a fully qualified Quantity Surveyor. At a York College Open Evening earlier in the year, Lewis spoke with our HR Manager Amanda Davidson and Training Advisor Emily Kelly and expressed his desire to gain practical work experience during his summer holidays. Lewis's passion to learn and develop stood out and we were thrilled to be able to offer him a placement that would give him experience in an office environment and out on site, as well as introducing him to all aspects of the construction and shopfitting industry.



Lewis on site at Clifton Moor, York, shadowing the Site Manager, Jeff Gale, and learning the day-to-day tasks undertaken by a Site Manager.

Lewis spent his first week working within our Head Office. Throughout the week, he spent time with all our departments including Pre-construction, Estimating, HSQE, HR & Training, and CAD, in order to gain a broad understanding of all the operations that are undertaken within our Company and extend his knowledge of potentially interesting career paths. Lewis also received vital training whilst at Head Office including Asbestos Awareness, Trainee CSCS accreditation and a face fit test.

For his second week, Lewis spent time on a site in York with our experienced Site Manager, Jeff Gale. Whilst on site, he learned and assisted with the Site Manager role and the various aspects this includes. Lewis received training in a number of site activities ranging from site health & safety paperwork to site walkarounds and on-site meetings.

For his final two weeks, Lewis was again based in our Head Office and worked closely alongside our Quantity Surveying team, shadowing our Surveying Director Steve Pratt, Senior QS James Fuller, and Quantity Surveyors Danny Pickering and Amy Cottenham. During this time, Lewis gained indispensable knowledge of the day-to-day activities undertaken by a QS including take offs, tender analysis and comparisons, placing subcontractor orders, and contract approvals, across both our Shopfitting and Construction teams.

Lewis said “During my time at SIMPSON I have had a really good experience and it is difficult to pick out my favourite part as I have enjoyed it all. The most exciting part would have to be applying my classroom knowledge in to the real world, as it has given me a better understanding of everything I have learned.”

Most importantly, after completing the placement with us Lewis is keener than ever to continue his training and become a fully qualified Quantity Surveyor in the future. We are absolutely delighted to have been able to help Lewis on his training journey and are even more thrilled that he still aspires towards a career within the construction and shopfitting industry.

For now, we hope that Lewis enjoys the rest of his summer holidays and we wish him all the best as he continues his second year of studies at York College in September; we hope to see you soon, watch this space!

Lewis at Head Office with our Managing Director, Neil Silcock, and Surveying Director, Steve Pratt.

