



On the 23rd April 2019, **SIMPSON** had the pleasure of welcoming **15-year-old Joel Granger** to the team for a one-week work experience placement.



(L-R) Dean Simmons (Site Joiner), Joel Granger, Tony Johnson (Site Joiner), Neil Moss (Site Manager)

Joel met four of our team members at a recent Employers' Marketplace Event at York College and expressed an interest in a career in Construction. He was particularly keen to find out more about joinery.

We offered Joel a one-week work placement in order for him to explore his interests further. He spent the week onsite at Nestle House, York, under the supervision of Project Manager Neil Moss. Joel spent the week shadowing two of our most experienced Site Joiners, Dean Simmons and Tony Johnson.

Joel thoroughly enjoyed his work experience and when asked what his favourite part was, he couldn't decide as he enjoyed it all so much! Joel particularly enjoyed shadowing Dean and Tony as he could see first-hand the day to day life of a Site Joiner and was able to be part of the team.

At the end of the week, Joel was asked whether the experience had clarified his future career pathway. We are thrilled that he said

"I definitely still want a career in construction and being a Site Joiner is the right role for me."



We have since received some amazing feedback from Joel's Careers Advisor at school, reinforcing how much Joel had enjoyed his week with us and the importance of work experience to young people.

"I'd just like to thank you for the fantastic opportunity you gave one of our students, Joel Granger. He has been to see me today to tell me how much he enjoyed and valued the experience."

Joel tells me that you have put him forward for interview to join you as an apprentice. As his Director of Achievement here at Millthorpe, I am more than happy to answer any academic questions you may have or provide any further information/references. As you will have seen from my letter of recommendation, Joel is a highly valued member of our school community and I simply cannot recommend him enough. I am really proud of the motivation and dedication he showed to organise, secure and complete this placement. I am sure you will have seen from his short time with you what a fantastic young man he is and he really would be an incredible asset to any establishment.

I think this type of work experience is so valuable to young people (thank you again) and I'd really like to keep in contact so that we may set up something similar in the future."



Joel (middle) on site with our experienced Site Joiners, Dean Simmons (right) and Tony Johnson (left)