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| Name: | Talia Lewis |
| Apprenticeship: | Engineering (CAD) |
| Course: | EAL Level 3 NVQ Extended Diploma in Engineering Technical Support (CAD) |

1. What did you do before starting the apprenticeship?

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| Prior to starting my apprenticeship, I was a full-time student at Merthyr College completing my first year of Level 3 Engineering while working towards a Level 3 diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering. |

1. Why did you apply for the scheme?

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| I applied for the Aspire Apprenticeship scheme as I was interested in completing my second year of college as an apprentice rather than a full-time student as I was looking to earn an income and gain an insight into the industrial sector while developing my skills both in a working environment and academically. |

1. What development opportunities have you had since joining MTCBC? i.e. name of your course

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| I have had a variety of developmental opportunities since joining the Aspire Programme. As I attend college 1 day a week, I have been working towards earning a Level 3 diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering which allows me to develop myself in an academic environment. While at work I have begun working towards my NVQ Level 3 in Engineering Technical Support while working for my host company Abox Storage Solutions. |

1. What has been your apprenticeship highlight so far?

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| My apprenticeship highlight so far has been gaining an insight into the engineering industry, different types of machinery as well as how they operate. I have enjoyed learning from my colleagues who are more experienced. |

1. Would you recommend an apprenticeship to others?

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| I would recommend choosing the Aspire Apprenticeship route to others as I feel like an apprenticeship in the perfect compromise for individuals who are looking to improve academically while earning an insight into a career. I also think that an apprenticeship is a good option for people who are looking to earn an income while learning about an industry. |

