

E-MAIL FROM HAYDOCK



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Subject: Job rotation – a rewarding adventure

Dear Colleagues,

I study Mechatronics and Service Engineering at the Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University in Mannheim. Thanks to Charles Price and Dr. Steffen Simon from the BMC network, I was able to complete the practice phase of my degree in Haydock, United Kingdom. Haydock is a Bilfinger UK site located between Manchester and Liverpool. At the site, switch cabinets and server cabinets of all kinds are planned, produced, tested and, when necessary, relevant services throughout the entire life cycle of these products are delivered. A team of about 60 specialists and engineers make sure that everything runs smoothly and with a clear customer orientation.

The Production Manager there, Barrie Crompton, took me with him to the workshop on my very first day at the site. And already at first glance it was obvious to me how important efficiency, effectiveness and ongoing improvement are here. The philosophy "BE EFFICIENT. BE LEAN. BTOP" is implemented in a very impressive manner. This is also apparent in the frank and direct handling of problems and the exchange of experiences. From the very beginning, I was fully integrated into the team. I followed the entire process of the project business and undertook a number of tasks together with my supervisors James Gillespie and Andy Duff as well as other colleagues. These tasks included the further development of a calculation tool in accordance with the requirements of a major customer, a programming job for the project-related booking of employee hours and support with bid preparation for a project. At the same time, I was able to get a complete overview of the entire project business and the colleagues were always available when I had questions.

Of course I took advantage of my free time to get to know the country and its people. Manchester and Liverpool are really great cities with pubs, bars and restaurants and a lot of fascinating sights such as the Beatles monument in Liverpool or the John Rylands Library. I also explored the impressive countryside around the Lake District as well as the coast of Wales with its small villages.

For me, the stay in the United Kingdom was a complete success in every way. I managed to improve my language skills, work in an international team and develop personally. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the colleagues who provided me with their support for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. And for those of you who have now become curious, I can only say: "Just do it!"

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