

Ellie Jackson & Hasan Haideri, Lab Technician Apprentices

Ellie Jackson and Hasan Haideri, aged 20 and 19, are both furthering their education and career through a Lab Technician apprenticeship at Apollo. After finishing their A-levels, they both wanted to gain real practical experience in the workplace whilst still working towards a qualification, rather than the conventional university route.

“The real benefit of my apprenticeship is the hands-on experience I’m gaining in a field I’m really interested in. We also get to learn from people who truly are experts in what they do.” said Hasan.

Ellie and Hasan’s apprenticeship is split spending two days a week within the Technical department at Apollo, two days within the Quality department, and one day studying via a college skype session. The apprentices are being exposed to a wide variety of activities, such as viscosity, cure, water content and gas chromatography testing, as well as working with our Technical team to develop samples and conduct raw material testing.

Ellie said “We are learning everyday, and are already trusted to conduct many tests unaided. Every day is different here. We first started just observing, but now have our own little projects to do, which will continue as we develop our knowledge and skills further.”

Ellie and Hasan are both already valuable members of the team at Apollo, and are growing at a quicker rate than expected. “Everyone at Apollo has been really supportive and there is a great atmosphere here. It’s encouraging to know that many senior members of staff started at a similar age to us here and worked their way up to their position now. I’m really keen to carry on developing my skills at Apollo, and hopefully progress into a Chemist role here.” commented Hasan.

“I would definitely recommend my apprenticeship at Apollo! I’m really enjoying learning and being able to put it into practice straight away. It’s so interesting, and although it can be challenging at times, the practical experience gained is invaluable.” added Ellie.

Darrell Tibbins, Technical Manager at Apollo, commented “Ellie and Hasan are already making a real difference here at Apollo. As well as getting distinctions in their college work, they are able to conduct many tasks unaided and are growing every day.

“Apprenticeships are a great way to train the workforce of the future with learning and experience that is totally relevant to the job. Due to the success of our apprenticeship scheme, we are keen to recruit more apprentices in the future for different areas of our business.”

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