

How has Waterfront UTC benefitted me and what am I doing now?

Hi my name is Alice and I currently work for Redrow homes as a rotational undergraduate.

My job role and degree is a three year contract of which consists of rotating around each of the departments such as land and planning, Technical, Commercial, Sales and being on site, with the final year of choosing which department I would like to pursue a career in.

The best part of my job role is that I get to explore all aspects of construction and not being set on one strict career path as well as this I get to travel to Wales six times a year for university of which everything is paid for Degree, hotels, food, drink and travel expenses (Bonus 😊).

It's also an amazing experience to witness everything you learnt at Waterfront UTC come to life in the real world whether that's a site visit or documents you have had to produce for your BTEC's!

I was a student at Waterfront UTC from year 10 through to year 13. I was originally at a normal academic school in the area when it was advertised that waterfront UTC was opening. I never started UTC thinking that the construction industry was for me especially with it being a male dominated industry! At Waterfront, I was firstly attracted to the atmosphere and that it was smaller than my previous school therefore the teachers treated you in a more professional manner and there was a higher opportunity for 1-1 support.

At Waterfront UTC, there are so many opportunities available such as employer engagements, work experience on site with large companies such as O'Halloran and Obrien. You were also given the opportunity to work with specialist equipment such as CAD systems and surveying tools.

Construction is everywhere especially within the Medway towns meaning that so many employment opportunities are available of which consists of many benefits including: great pay and bonuses, holidays, shares and pension schemes, changing people's lives and make a positive impact on the community that they live in.

I personally feel that Waterfront UTC benefitted me massively and helped me into my position now and I feel that I wouldn't have been able to have achieved my grades anywhere else! I left the school after completing a BTEC level 3 in Construction and the Built Environment qualification with the grade of Distinction* Distinction Distinction this just proves that construction can be for anyone!

