

Reliance Apprentice Wins IET Award

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Reliance Precision Limited ('Reliance') are delighted to learn Apprentice Maria Perrins has been awarded [The Institution of Engineering and Technology \('IET'\)](#) West Yorkshire Local Network (WYLN) 2021 Award for Student Excellence.

The IET Awards exist to celebrate the incredible talent within engineering and technology. The Student Excellence Award recognises individuals who stand out from their peers and have made noteworthy achievements in their area of expertise.

Maria, in the third year of her Engineering Apprenticeship Scheme at Reliance, was nominated for the award by her tutors at Kirklees Engineering College. She attends there on day release, studying for her EAL Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering – Product Design and Development. The College has a long-standing connection with the IET and each year they, along with other colleges, are asked to nominate students for the WYLN prize for Student Excellence. Tutor Jenny Shaw, part of the team who nominated Maria, explains “Maria has a very positive attitude to learning. Her attendance and punctuality are both exceptional. She attends all lessons with a willingness to learn and sets herself high standards of which she strives to achieve.” She continues “Maria always shows respect for others, whether this is her peers or teachers. She is a reliable, courteous and polite person and conducts herself with honesty and integrity at all times and has shown a real growth in confidence this year. She tackles all tasks set with enthusiasm and can be trusted to complete them timely and of high quality. Maria has an excellent work ethic. She is a joy to teach and will go far.”

Maria is currently working as an Apprentice Technical Engineer at Reliance, providing technical support to the Standard Products team. A large part of this role is generating Solidworks drawings, but she is presently conducting her own testing project as well as working with the design engineering team on a new product range. Rob Farrell, Reliance’s Training School Team Leader, explains “Maria has been a high performer since the beginning of her apprenticeship. She typifies what we expect of our future engineers. She is self-motivated, kind, full of integrity and always goes the extra mile to deliver. She thoroughly deserves this award and everyone at Reliance is incredibly proud of her. She has a bright future ahead of her.”

Maria, who had no idea she’d been nominated for the award until she was told of her win by Jenny, comments “I’m really honoured to have won this award. The IET are such a high esteemed institute so to be recognised by them in this manner is fantastic.”