

whyWates?

Above all, it's about people

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Josh joined us as a school leaver and is studying part time at Birmingham City University for a degree in Quantity Surveying.

After completing my A-Levels I found myself enrolled on a course that I was not confident about starting at a university that I didn't really like. I thought it would be too late to change my mind. I knew I wanted to be in the construction industry, but didn't know which route to take.



However, whilst waiting for my results, somebody described to me the role of a quantity surveyor. Having always had a passion for maths, I felt this would be the right route for me so I applied for a part time Quantity Surveying course at Birmingham City University. At first I had doubts about not attending a full time course. However, I soon realised that I would achieve the same qualification and receive first class support whilst learning plus five years experience of the career I was studying for.

Shortly before starting the course I attended a Wates assessment centre. I knew straight away that this was a company that I would like to work for as the head office had a strong sense of quality and professionalism and a really friendly environment.

I have been working for Wates for a few months now and I feel my progress has been excellent; which is largely down to the support I have been given and the people I am working with. My training is geared towards Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors accreditation and I have no doubt that this was the correct path to take. It just goes to prove that it's never too late for school leavers to change their mind about what they want to do and that, studying part-time whilst working has some real benefits.