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Apprenticeship: Apprentice HR Technician at MINI Plant Oxford

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I joined the advanced apprenticeship programme at MINI Plant Oxford one year ago after finishing my A-levels at Didcot Sixth Form College. I decided to join the apprentice scheme as I have always enjoyed working part-time while studying.

A big benefit of the scheme was the opportunity to gain a degree while getting on the job training. At the moment I'm studying Business Management and Communications at Abingdon and Witney College which works in partnership with Oxford Brookes University.

At Plant Oxford, I've had an opportunity to work in different areas of the HR department and gain a lot of experience. There's no doubt that the apprentice scheme is challenging sometimes, but it's really rewarding at the same time. The amount of support available through the programme has been very good in helping to deal with working and balancing my college assignment workload.

I would highly recommend the apprenticeship scheme to anyone who wants to work and gain academic qualifications at the same time. Every day is different, so it is very enjoyable and the daily challenges are exciting.

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