

Lewis Rush

Nuclear Engineer

A promising career in the nuclear industry beckons for Lewis Rush who had designs on a career in engineering from an early age.

During his last two years at Chilton Trinity Technology College in Bridgwater, Lewis attended an engineering course at Bridgwater College and from it gained a double award GCSE.

That was the springboard for an Apprenticeship with British Energy, which he saw advertised locally.

Today, Lewis aged 19, is in the fourth and final year of his Apprenticeship working at Hinkley Point B Nuclear Power Station, near Bridgwater.

Lewis is training to be an Instrumentation and Control Technician which involves dealing with process controls and the calibration of nuclear significant equipment.

“From an early age I always knew I wanted to work in some form of engineering and the Apprenticeship was definitely the right move for me.”

In the first year of his Apprenticeship Lewis attended Bridgwater College for four days a week and spent one day a week at work.

Within that year he completed an NVQ Level 2 in Performing Engineering Operations and started a two year BTEC National Certificate in Engineering.

Now he's in the process of finishing his Advanced Apprenticeship at NVQ Level 3 in Instrumentation and Control. He's completed a City and Guilds 2800 Maintenance Qualification and has started the second year of a two year Higher National Certificate in Mechatronics.



At the moment my target is to be employed as a Maintenance Technician at Hinkley Point B. After my Apprenticeship there will be many career opportunities as well as the potential for me to go on and do a Higher National Diploma.