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Search for new apprentices begins

The search is on for the latest ExxonMobil apprentices at Fife Ethylene Plant (FEP) at Mossmorran.

Applications are now being invited from candidates who would like to become part of a skilled team at the forefront of one of the world's leading energy companies.

Candidates should be aged 16 or over and have (or be expected to achieve) a minimum of four National 5s at grade C or above in English, Maths, Physics (preferred) or Chemistry as well as a technical subject such as Graphic Communication, Engineering Science etc.

This year FEP is looking to take on apprentices in the fast-paced and varied fields of instrumentation and mechanical engineering.

The successful candidates will benefit from a 4-year training programme in partnership with Forth Valley College which will lead to a variety of nationally-recognised qualifications.

The first year will be full-time study at the college, learning the practical skills required for a rewarding career in engineering.

The next two years they will complete day release at college with the remainder of the time spent working at the FEP complex, honing their skills alongside experienced team members.

And the final year they will be working full-time on site to complete their necessary training.

The closing date for applications is 22nd April, and after that a select number of applicants will be invited to take an aptitude test which includes questions of a variety of topics from literacy and numeracy to problem solving. Those who impress in this will then be invited for an interview.

Third year instrumentation technician apprentice, Ben Sharp, who lives in Crossgates, said: "It wasn't easy getting this apprenticeship, but it's been well worth the effort.

"Every day I'm learning something new and it's really rewarding putting what you've learned into practice when you're working on site.

"All the people I work with are very friendly and if I'm ever needing help with something I just have to ask."

Martin Burrell, Plant Manager, added: "We are very proud of our apprenticeship scheme which has produced a huge number of highly skilled engineers who have gone on to have very successful careers here at Fife Ethylene Plant and even with ExxonMobil around the world."

To apply, or for more information, visit jobs.exxonmobil.com and search for 'Fife'.

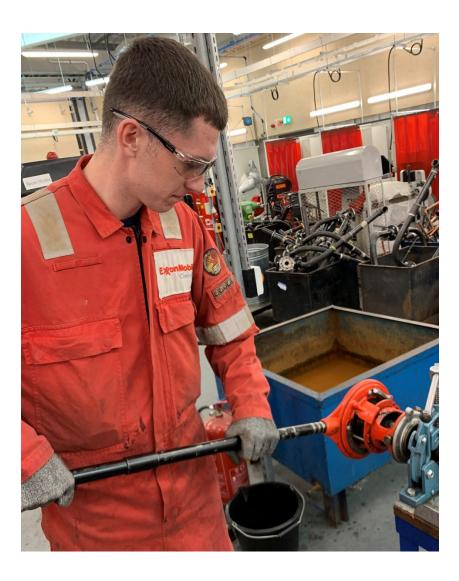


Photo: Third year apprentice Ben Sharp.