

AMECaL Case Study

An equipment repair and measuring specialist is investing in three engineering apprentices as it plans to expand its range of products and services.

Stephen Simpson, 21, from Denton Burn, Thomas McFayden, 20, from Hebburn and Josh Howie, 21, from Chapel Park, have all commenced employment with AMECaL as Advanced Engineering Apprentices.

AMECaL currently employs six staff at its site near Wallsend. It is the first time the company has trained staff through the Apprenticeship route, after identifying it as an ideal way to develop their team due to its flexible and work-focused nature.

Through the Apprenticeship programme at Newcastle College, AMECaL intends to develop its future workforce by training the new recruits with help from the experienced technicians currently employed by the company.



The apprentices will work across a wide range of sectors learning the basic principles of calibration. They will also play a key part in the company's plans to widen the product and service range to businesses in the Automotive, Pharmaceutical and Energy industry sectors, among others.

The Engineering Apprenticeship offered by Newcastle College is a flexible programme that enables employers to choose areas of engineering specialism, alongside core fundamental modules. The nature of the Apprenticeship has enabled AMECaL to find a perfect fit for themselves and the apprentices.

AMECaL are one of a large number of companies that have taken on apprentices during The Journal's 500 apprentices in 100 days campaign.

The college matched the apprentices to AMECaL's requirements through its free recruitment and matching service, which sources candidates to the exact requirements of the employer.

David Heppell, Sales and Marketing Manager at AMECaL, said: "As we operate across a wide range of sectors, the Engineering Apprenticeship offered by Newcastle College will enable our apprentices to develop across a range of disciplines. This is perfect for both AMECaL and our apprentices, as they will be able to influence their own development.

"Newcastle College managed the recruitment process and I've been very impressed with the quality and enthusiasm of the apprentices. They're not only key to the development of our company but they'll play a vital role in the future development of the north east and the industry as a whole."

Jim Hubbard, Director of the School of Applied Science and Technology, said: "The flexible nature of the Engineering Apprenticeship means we are able to tailor the programme in response to the requirements of the employer.

"AMECaL are one of an increasing number of companies that are developing the skilled workers of the future through apprenticeships. We are delighted that our Apprenticeship matching service has enabled us to support such a specialist and expanding company."

For more information about Apprenticeships or the range of courses available at Newcastle College, contact our business contact team on **0845 600 4140**.

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