

As part of National Apprenticeship Week, we would like to celebrate apprentices working on the North Manchester General Hospital (NMGH) scheme and have put together mini biographies to showcase their talents and achievements. We are proud to introduce you to Tom.



**Name:** Tom Marner

**Course studying:** BEng (Hons) in Building Services Engineering (Level 3 + Level 3 NVQ, working towards Level 6)

In 2016 when I first started at Arup, I had never been introduced to the construction industry but I was keen to make a mark and get stuck in, one foot at a time. After overcoming the first few hurdles associated with any new position, I began taking ownership of my work and took great pride in the projects I assisted on. My involvement on North Manchester General

Hospital initially started with me assisting other technicians to help balance resources, which quickly developed into co-ordinating the replacement ventilation system for the existing Acute buildings.

From my own experience, having people around me to support my progression is always reassuring and I find this to be a huge benefit of doing an apprenticeship. It's also a chance to leap into the unknown and fully emerge yourself within a career that allows you to personally develop and grow. Therefore, whatever sector an apprentice decides to choose, they will be safe in the knowledge that they have supportive colleagues to help guide them and want the best for them. I would recommend picking a career that interests you and this could be inspired by something already experienced in life or inspired by someone else's career. I have friends and family in construction but had never seen myself as an engineer initially. The support from the apprenticeship scheme helped me get to where I am today and helped me confirm that I wanted to become an engineer.

Having been at Arup over the last 4+ years, I would recommend an apprenticeship to anyone, particularly those who are unsure about what career path they would like to follow or if they are finding it difficult to decide where to go next. Choosing an apprenticeship scheme was the best decision I've made after leaving sixth form after my first year. I now have a future career to look forward to and I am proud of the work that I have undertaken over the years and have similarly enjoyed earning a salary alongside working towards my professional qualifications.

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