



Shaping public construction

Morgan Sindall secure seven work experience placements at Okehampton Primary School

We have taken on seven work experience placements so far during our build at Okehampton Primary School, including three from The Royal Marines Charity, one from the Breakthrough Transformation Trust and three from BuildForce.

The Royal Marines Charity supports wounded personnel transitioning from the military into a new meaningful career, and focus on providing placements for those seeking construction experience.

BuildForce aims to inspire and enable service leavers and veterans to pursue careers in construction. BuildForce provides 1-2-1 mentoring that guides you through the entire process, from learning about the huge range of opportunities in the construction sector to training and securing employment.

Breakthrough Transformation Trust are a Christian Charity passionate about seeing young people and families succeed, where they haven't been able to in the past and giving them a hope and a future.

Work experience with us isn't just focused on placements aged 16-18 years - it can be anyone seeking work in the construction industry. Joe Harvey is one of the seven ex-military work experience placements recruited at our Okehampton Primary School project, currently studying his HNC through the Royal Marines Charity.

"I was offered a work placement by Morgan Sindall at their project in Okehampton. The week gave me a great insight into various roles within site management, how an organisation like Morgan Sindall works, practices within construction and helped me improve my knowledge of the industry.

The week went really well and I came away having learnt a great deal. I was able to get my hands on experience in many of the different tasks associated with site management including; health and safety management, daily briefings, site management and monitoring, RAMs checking, POWRAs, understanding drawings and extracting relevant information from them, amongst other things.

I would highly recommend a work placement with Morgan Sindall, the week has given me a great insight into a role that I was interested in and has confirmed to me that I would like to pursue it as a career." - Joe Harvey RMC

James (whose surname we cannot publish due to his work in the military), is a current military veteran who joined us for a weeks work experience at Okehampton School on 9th July 2018. James will be leaving the military in January 2019 where he hopes to become a site manager.

"Throughout the week I gained a valuable insight into the world of construction, I had some very informative discussions with the Project Manager, Contracts Manager, Quantity Surveyor and Health & Safety Advisor. I got to see lots of different trades in action, all of whom were friendly and took time out to tell me about their field....the good, the bad and the ugly! It was great to get a balanced view. Whilst there I was able to get some hands on experience of site management, for example I found myself marking out positions for concrete pads to support structural steel on day 1, not something to get wrong! I would strongly recommend work experience with Morgan Sindall to anyone who has an interest in working within construction. Great week!" - James

"Morgan Sindall have been invaluable in their support of the Career Transition work within The Royal Marines Charity. In offering us the opportunity for practical work experience and site trials for those Royal Marines facing the need for new vocational choices, they have enabled us to open up new, exciting and previously uncharted career options for these remarkable individuals. Construction is a great match, with many options within the sector and using many of their transferable skills, from commitment and teamwork to leadership and problem-solving. We have found that not only do the lads themselves benefit from the experience, but that the companies involved are often surprised and delighted to find new, high calibre employees as a result."

Katharine Callus
Career & Resourcing Business
Partner
The Royal Marines Charity



Picture shows Joe Harvey, Royal Marines Charity work experience placement, with Andy Duff, managing director South, Morgan Sindall Construction & Infrastructure.



Picture shows James, Royal Marines Charity work experience placement, with Marcus Grant, Senior site manager South, Morgan Sindall Construction & Infrastructure.

