

STAFF PROFILE



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What does a typical day look like for you?

The best thing about being a greenkeeper is that every day is different which means you can never get bored with your job. Being a greenkeeper means early starts every day to get out on the course before the golfers start their rounds. It's hard work with most tasks being physically demanding but it's also very rewarding seeing what you've achieved at the end of each day!

Why did you decide to do an apprenticeship?

I wanted to have a career in something that I feel passionate about. When the opportunity came up at Rudding Park I thought the time was right to retrain and learn new skills. Golf has been a huge passion of mine since I was young so I feel very lucky to be training in a career in something I enjoy so much. An apprenticeship was the best option for me to learn a new job while still working and earning a wage to support my family.

What advice do you have for someone starting an apprenticeship?

Don't be afraid to ask questions. I have found getting information from people with the knowledge has really helped. Although you can learn from reading books and the internet, nothing compares to getting a hands on experience. I've learnt so much from the team I work with and still learn something new most days. Also it's never too late to retrain in something that you're passionate about, apprenticeships aren't just for teenagers.

Would you recommend doing an apprenticeship?

If you are willing to put the work in and are keen to learn new skills then definitely. You grow in confidence the more you learn and can apply this on a daily basis either at work or home.