

# Engineering Apprenticeships at BD Plymouth

## Abbie Tucker 1st Year Engineering Apprentice

### When did you join BD?

July 2020

### Why did you apply for BD?

I wanted a career change. I worked with the BD products within the NHS and understood the importance of each individual product and wanted to find out more.

### What did you do before joining BD?

I worked at the local NHS hospital. I was regularly using BD products such as needles, cannulas and BD Vacutainer® tubes. Having used these products in emergency situations first hand it makes you realise the importance of each and every product manufactured. Working at BD and still having an input on peoples lives is something I am very grateful for.

### My typical day at work

In BD there are lots of different areas; being a first year student I only attend the BD site on a Friday so I go where I am needed most. As a first year you will shadow other engineers but also have hands on the tools where possible.

### My typical day at college

My typical day at college runs 8am-3pm Monday to Thursday. Most mornings I have electrical lessons which are both practical and theory. I have either welding or bench fitting lessons in the afternoons which are both very hands on.

### My typical day at college (virtual)

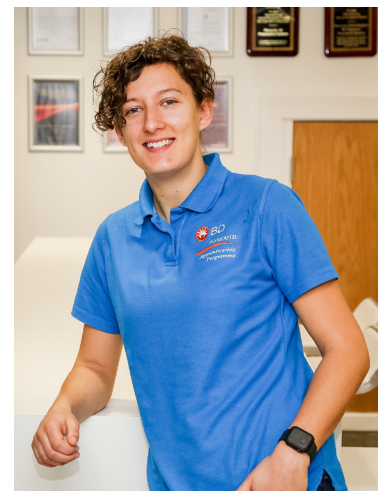
Due to the current government guidelines the college is closed, so we are doing all of the lessons remotely. Due to not being able to go into college we have not been able to do as much practical as we would have liked, but we have completed lots of theory which will balance this out once we return to college. The tutors are doing the utmost to ensure we do not fall behind.

### My favourite part of the job

My favourite part of the job is that I am learning a new career in something I am passionate about but still having an input on other peoples lives when helping to manufacture medical products.

### Anything else you would like to share?

When working in the toolroom there was a problem with the tube machine and they had to take it out of production, I helped with taking the machine apart so that the engineers could fix the problem and get the mould back into production making vital products.



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