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**Renishaw apprentice nominated for national apprenticeship award**

Ryan Harris, 4th year manufacturing apprentice at [global engineering technologies company](https://www.renishaw.com/en/renishaw-enhancing-efficiency-in-manufacturing-and-healthcare--1030?utm_source=HN&utm_medium=PR&utm_campaign=REC495) Renishaw, has been shortlisted for the Tomorrow’s Talent category of the Apprenticeship Awards Cymru 2021. The awards are funded by the Welsh Government with backing from the European Social Fund to help support the development of skills in the Welsh economy. The virtual award ceremony will take place on April 29th.

Harris, a manufacturing apprentice who is studying a HNC at Bridgend College**,** was nominated for this award in recognition of his personal progress and positive impact on Renishaw’s operation in South Wales. He started his career at Renishaw’s Miskin site in 2018 as a 2nd year apprentice while finishing BTEC Level 3 studies at Coleg Y Cymoedd and is currently in the fourth year of his apprenticeship. Harris has worked on a variety of projects during his apprenticeship, including designing a more efficient Z axis testfor additive manufacturing machines and also spending a few weeks in Germany to learn about different techniques used in heavy machinery.

“Being nominated for the award recognises the time and effort my colleagues have put in to train me into a future Process Development Engineer,” explained Harris. “Renishaw has provided me the opportunity to focus on my further education and gain industry knowledge, without the struggle of balancing the two. My colleagues have supported me during every step of my apprenticeship and further education studies by sharing their knowledge and experience, which I have applied to my role and college projects.”

“Ryan’s hard work and commitment over the past four years has been remarkable,” explained Simon Biggs, Education Outreach Officer at Renishaw. “His work ethic, attitude and determination to succeed as a Renishaw apprentice has been truly impressive and he will make a brilliant Process Development Engineer. His work colleagues put trust in his judgement and regularly comment on his mature approach to engineering tasks.”

“I initially got into engineering after my Uncle told me about his career as an engineer” explained Harris. “My school ran an engineering GCSE course and this gave me the opportunity to attend an open day at Renishaw’s Miskin manufacturing site. After seeing the equipment and meeting some of the employees, I knew I had to apply to its manufacturingapprenticeship.”

Renishaw currently has around 200 apprentices in the UK, and is recruiting a further 51 apprentices for the Summer 2021 intake. The company offers a range of award-winning apprenticeship programmes in engineering, manufacturing, software, IT and embedded electronics engineering. An apprenticeship at Renishaw is an opportunity to earn-while you learn, and degree level apprentices are able to obtain their university qualifications with no student debt. Further benefits include a competitive salary and an extensive benefits package, with onsite gyms, medical insurance and pension.

For more information about Renishaw’s apprenticeships, or to apply please visit [www.renishaw.com/apprentice](http://www.renishaw.com/apprentice).

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**Notes to editors**

UK-based Renishaw is a world leading engineering technologies company, supplying products used for applications as diverse as jet engine and wind turbine manufacture, through to dentistry and brain surgery. It has over 4,000 employees located in the 37 countries where it has wholly owned subsidiary operations.

For the year ended June 2020 Renishaw recorded sales of £510.2 million of which 94% was due to exports. The company’s largest markets are China, the USA, Japan and Germany.

Throughout its history Renishaw has made a significant commitment to research and development, with historically between 13 and 18% of annual sales invested in R&D and engineering. The majority of this R&D and manufacturing of the company’s products is carried out in the UK.

The Company’s success has been recognised with numerous international awards, including eighteen Queen’s Awards recognising achievements in technology, export and innovation.

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