

Do you have what it takes to be crowned Screwfix Trade Apprentice 2021?

Career-boosting accolade and £10k prize bundle up for grabs as the annual

Trade Apprentice competition launches

- Entries open for Screwfix Trade Apprentice award.
- Top prize is the ultimate trade bundle worth £10,000.
- Exclusive online final in April.

It's time for top trade apprentices from across the UK to down tools and enter the Screwfix Trade Apprentice 2021 competition for the chance to win the ultimate prize bundle.

The annual award is returning for its 7<sup>th</sup> year, to celebrate the next generation of tradespeople as they aim for recognition at the start of their chosen careers.

One talented individual will be named as Screwfix Trade Apprentice 2021 and will receive a career-boosting prize package worth £10,000. This includes everything a future tradesperson may need to start up their own business - £5,000 of tools, a £3,000 training budget and £2,000 worth of technology. The winner will also get £2,000 for the college where they study.

Simon Jackson, Screwfix Customer and Digital Director, says:

"We are thrilled to be back with our Screwfix Trade Apprentice competition as we search for exciting new talent in the construction industry. Every year we are amazed by the outstanding quality of entrants and, this year, we are on the lookout for apprentices who go above and beyond to succeed within their chosen trade.

"We've seen how this career boosting accolade and £10,000 prize bundle helps kick start an apprentice's career. Good luck to everyone who enters, we can't wait to crown our winner!"

Chris Keel, Screwfix Trade Apprentice Winner 2020, has had an incredible year. Currently working in Joinery and Carpentry, Chris believes that despite the Coronavirus pandemic, winning the competition has put him five years ahead of his career plan. In just 12 months, Chris has been able to take on bigger and better jobs and has treated himself to a van, laptop, apple watch and tools.

Chris said: "Winning has enabled me to pursue my dream and advance my studies. The Trade Apprentice competition has been an amazing opportunity and a brilliant step into launching my career. I would really encourage anybody just starting out to enter as it really has the potential to change everything for you."

Apprentices can enter directly or be put forward by their college lecturer or their employer. It's completely free and is open to all apprentices who are in college or working with a mentor. All entrants must be over the age of 16.

Entries are open between 8 February – 21 February. To find out more, visit screwfix.com/sfta.

## **About Screwfix:**

Screwfix is part of Kingfisher plc, the international home improvement company with approximately 1,380 stores, supported by a team of 79,000 colleagues. We operate in eight countries across Europe under retail banners including B&Q, Castorama, Brico Dépôt, Screwfix, TradePoint and Koçtaş. We offer home improvement products and services to consumers and trade professionals who shop in our stores and via our e-commerce channels. At Kingfisher, our purpose is to help make better homes accessible for everyone.

Screwfix is convenient, straightforward and affordably-priced, helping its trade customers get the job done quickly, affordably and right first time. Tradespeople can shop 33,000 products over the phone, online, via their mobile or in-person from their local store.

From power tools and work wear to cables and pipe fittings, Screwfix offers over 10,000
products available to pick up from over 700 UK stores nationwide.

- Over 33,000 products can be ordered over the phone, online or from a local store, with orders taken up until 8pm (weekdays) for next day delivery to home or site.\*
- Screwfix.com attracts over 6 million visits per week.
- We have over 10 million active customers a year.
- The Screwfix Click & Collect service, which enables customers to pick-up their goods in as little as one minute after ordering online or over the phone, is used more than 10 million times a year.\*
- UK-based Screwfix Contact Centre open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including bank holidays) on 03330 112 112.
- See www.screwfix.com/stores for store opening information.
- Next day delivery is available within store opening hours.\*
- World leading customer satisfaction levels.
- Screwfix was awarded in the A-Z of Recognised Retailers in the Retail Top 100 Movers & Shakers Report 2019
- Screwfix was awarded Retail Week's Mark of Excellence' for Best Place to Work in 2019
- Screwfix won the Pennies Outstanding Achievement award in 2020
- The Wincanton for Screwfix team won the Operational Excellence Award at the Motor Transport Awards 2020.
- The Screwfix and Wincanton team came highly commended in the Chep Award for Supply Chain Strategy and Design at the Logistics Manager Supply Chain Excellence Awards 2019.
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