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**GLASGOW APPRENTICE HONOURED AT NATIONAL APPRENTICE COMPETITION**

***Princewill Jackson is awarded funding at the Screwfix Trade Apprentice final***

A Glasgow-based mechanical engineering apprentice has been recognised for his dedication and passion to his trade at this year’s Screwfix Trade Apprentice final. After stunning the judges with his sheer determination and drive to make a real difference to his trade, Princewill Jackson, 20, will now have his HNC funded by Screwfix.

After arriving in the UK at five years old, Princewill found himself in Scotland after overcoming every challenge put in his way. Princewill joined his course as a late entry and worked tirelessly to catch up, finishing with some of the top marks in his engineering class. Screwfix recognised his determination to succeed and rewarded Princewill with the additional funding to continue his development and help achieve his goals.

Currently two years into his apprenticeship with BAE Systems, Princewill has shown his appetite to grow as a mechanical engineering apprentice.

Princewill said: “When I heard Screwfix had decided to fund my HNC I was blown away. The Trade Apprentice competition has been an amazing experience for me. Getting to meet so many likeminded apprentices, as well as test my skills in a competitive environment has been very rewarding. I am extremely grateful to Screwfix for providing me with such a great opportunity. Funding my HNC course will prove vital in helping me progress and achieve my career aspirations.”

The Screwfix Trade Apprentice final saw 10 of the UK’s brightest up-and-coming trade apprentices gather in London for two days, with the first day spent at the Global Academy where all finalists were taught vital skills on how to take their business forward. The final itself took place at Google HQ, where finalists took part in a set of tasks and interviews.

Caroline Welsh, Director of Brand and Marketing at Screwfix, added: “Screwfix Trade Apprentice is now in its fifth year and we were truly blown away by the attitude, commitment and passion shown by all of our finalists.

“Apprentices form a vital part of the trade and are invaluable to the UK economy, providing a pipeline of fresh talent and innovative ideas. Each year we see many exceptional entries and it was a privilege to be able to spend time with the finalists at this year’s final.

“Princewill’s dedication to becoming the best professional he can be really stuck with us and the way he demonstrated his willingness to go above and beyond to fund his course was outstanding. This is the first award of this kind in the competition and we are honoured to be able to provide him with the vital funding to continue his development. I’m looking forward to seeing where his career takes him”

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