

# My Journey

## Student to Apprentice

This is Brad, who was recently a High School student, *just like you*.

In September 2019, Brad joined Morgan Sindall as an Apprentice Quantity Surveyor and is now studying a Quantity Surveying BSc (Hons) 4 Year Degree at Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford.

### Brad, commenting on his journey with Morgan Sindall:

"I was first introduced to Morgan Sindall in 2018 when a representative from the company gave a talk about different routes into construction at my school. Our class was given a site tour of Red Lodge Primary School which gave me an insight into how a project is run. This allowed me to get some contacts and arrange some work experience on a site in Colchester where I gained some valuable tips shadowing a Site Manager. I completed a few more days in the Ipswich Office shadowing a Quantity Surveyor, which opened-up my eyes to both the operational and commercial sides of construction.

Since Year 10 I had aspired to gain a career in Construction, but I wasn't sure what job I would like to do. However, after gaining work experience at Morgan Sindall, this confirmed my interest in Quantity Surveying."



### Ben Coleman, Trainee Site Manager at Morgan Sindall Construction East:

"Since the first time I met Brad, his interest and enthusiasm for construction shone through. Brad was one of the students that always seemed to be absorbing information and engaging with questions and discussions. I offered Brad a chance to gain further experience at St Michaels School, giving him more of an insight to help him in his studies. During this placement I made him aware of the career opportunities at Morgan Sindall. By his own willingness and eagerness to learn, Brad sailed through the interview process and I'm happy he's now part of our team!"

### What is a Quantity Surveyor (QS)?

A QS is a construction industry professional with expert knowledge. They are responsible for managing the costs and all contractual and financial aspects of construction projects.

### Employer comment:

"Having inspired Brad to pursue a career in construction with Morgan Sindall following a school presentation, we look forward to watching his development. The mix of further education at university and on-site project experience will maximise his learning and enable him to fulfil his potential to reach his career aspirations."

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### A final word from Brad...

"My experience so far at Morgan Sindall has been enjoyable. I am currently working three days a week on site in Ipswich under a Senior Quantity Surveyor, while the other two days I am at University studying my degree. I would highly recommend the apprenticeship scheme to anyone who is interested in a career in construction because the experience I have gained has been invaluable."

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