

# My Journey

## Student to Apprentice

This is Kealan, who was recently a college student, *just like you*.

In September 2019, Kealan joined Morgan Sindall as an Apprentice Quantity Surveyor and is now part-time studying the profession at degree level with the Anglia Ruskin University.

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

"I became interested in gaining some experience in a Construction Management/Quantity Surveying role whilst studying at college; I felt this was needed for me to find the incentive to do well.

A family friend who works for a subcontractor of Morgan Sindall's recommended the company, and so I was able to contact a member of the team via email to explain how grateful I'd be to gain some experience in the industry. This was forwarded to Helen Clements (Community Investment Advisor at Morgan Sindall) who agreed to arrange work experience. I really enjoyed visiting the sites and continued to stay in contact with the team. Once I had finished college, I was offered an interview and the chance to become part of the Morgan Sindall commercial team."



### Alan Rutterford, Managing Surveyor for Construction East at Morgan Sindall:

"Following Kealan's initial contact we arranged for him to have a few days work experience with us as his introduction to Morgan Sindall and the construction industry, after which we were happy for him to return for some more work experience days visiting a number of sites – shadowing the commercial teams. I was very impressed with Kealan's attitude and ability from the beginning and we were therefore more than pleased to be able to offer him a position as an apprentice QS with us at the Cambridge office."

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

A QS is a construction industry professional that calculates the amount of materials needed for building work, and how much they will cost.

### Employer comment:

"Kealan is currently site based on our Trinity College student accommodation project, working alongside a senior Quantity Surveyor and Alan Rutterford (Managing Surveyor), and has established himself as a valuable member of both the site and commercial team."

### A final word from Kealan...

"Morgan Sindall hasn't just developed my construction knowledge, it's improved my confidence and communication significantly. Being able to develop a relationship with my site team and the supply chain has led me to ask questions and learn things beyond my depth to help boost my studies."

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