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Case Study – Lewis Martin - Apprentice Engineer (funded 2015-16)

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I have really been enjoying my college course, I find that I am learning a lot from it which is what I wanted to achieve. I am doing a lot in work and various different jobs, such as welding. We weld a lot of items for example, side plating on boats in 6mm steel, base plates on boats from 6mm - 10mm steel, Anodes to protect the hull of the boat and Welding D bars onto the hull sides of the boat to protect the welds. I have completed my level 2 course in college which I found very enjoyable and at college I have moved on to do my level 3 welding course which helps me to develop my welding skills to the next level. I am pleased to say what I am learning at college is relevant and fitting in with the work I do at Aqueduct. I do a lot of others jobs in work too, such as weekends working in our onsite chandlery which I enjoy; meeting new customers and trying my best to help them out with what they need. I also drive the tractor to move boats around the yard and in and out of the water, which I really enjoy doing. I also do a bit of electrical work or help our electrician out whenever he needs help; I enjoy working with other people. Often I will be asked to paint the hull of the boats in bitumen or 2 pac epoxy to protect the hull from putting and corrosion. My favourite project and piece of work so far has to be the re-plating of boats. I find it very interesting and very enjoyable, I found that in some aspects of work that it is difficult but I am willing to learn and ask for help whenever I get stuck or need assistance. I hope that I can learn a lot more from my apprenticeship which I'm sure I will.

