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CLAAS offer two apprenticeship course opportunities – one in Parts and one in Service.
About CLAAS

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- CLAAS, a family business founded in 1913, is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of agricultural engineering equipment.
- The company, with corporate headquarters in Harsewinkel, is the European market leader in combines and world leader in forage harvesters.
- It is also a top performer in worldwide agricultural engineering with tractors, balers, green harvest machinery and state of the art farming information technology.

CLAAS UK

- Established in 1946 as an importer of CLAAS Machinery, based in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
- Solely responsible for Sales, Parts supply and Service support to the whole of the UK and Ireland dealer network.

CLAAS UK own 4 of 15 key CLAAS dealerships across the UK and Ireland, and this dealer network is the envy of the industry.

Careers with CLAAS

- CLAAS is an international company so there are many opportunities to advance within the business worldwide.
- Structured career progression is offered as well as support to ensure all your work / life aspirations are managed.

11 factories around the world.

11,356 people employed worldwide including over 700 trainees within the CLAAS network.

Over 6,000 people, who service and sell our machines, are trained by the CLAAS Academy each year.

The CLAAS UK Academy, dedicated to product training.

The 15 key dealers cover 63 branch locations.

Some of the most advanced technology in the industry.
Landbased Engineering Apprenticeship

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Landbased Engineering
The CLAAS Agricultural Engineering Apprenticeship is a 4 year course made up of college based training and practical experience working alongside experienced Service Engineers in a CLAAS dealership.

How is the course structured?
Year 1 and 2
- 12 – 15 weeks at college in blocks of 3 – 6 weeks
- Full time employment in a CLAAS dealer workshop
- Modules studied include: Engines and Drivelines, Harvesting Machinery

Year 3
- 12 – 15 weeks at college in blocks of 3 – 6 weeks
- Full time employment in a CLAAS dealer workshop
- Attend training courses held by the CLAAS Academy in Suffolk
- Opportunity to be selected for a trip to the CLAAS HQ in Germany
- Modules studied include: Advanced electrics, electronics and hydraulics

Year 4
- The content studied at college is prepared exclusively by CLAAS
- The course is designed to prepare you for your role within the dealer network

What Qualifications will I receive?
- IMI National Diploma in Landbased Engineering, which is the equivalent of 3 ‘A’ Levels
- Enrolment and ongoing career progression with the Landbased technician Accreditation (LTA) Scheme

APPRENTICE MECHANIC
Will Harvey
- 2014 – I started a CLAAS Land Based Engineering Apprenticeship at Reaseheath College
- 2015 – I am finding the course varied and challenging
- 2016 – My career aspiration is to become a Master Technician

MASTER TECHNICIAN
Dan Cracknell
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- 2013 – I qualified as a Master Mechanic
- 2016 – I was promoted to Workshop Foreman

Where do I study?
- Study blocks are at either Reaseheath College in Cheshire or Barony Campus in Dumfries
- Learn from some of the most experienced tutors in the industry
- You will get the opportunity to stay on campus and enjoy the social life

What do I need to apply?
- A minimum of 4 GCSEs including Maths, Science and English, grade C or above
- An interest in engineering or mechanics
- A positive, self-motivated attitude

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Parts, Sales & Marketing Apprenticeship

Level 3 Diploma in Vehicle Parts Operations
The CLAAS Parts Sales and Marketing Apprenticeship is a 2 year course made up of college based training and practical experience working alongside experienced Parts personnel in a CLAAS dealership.

How is the course structured?
Year 1
- 11 weeks at college in blocks of 2 - 4 weeks
- Full time employment in a CLAAS dealer shop
- Modules studied include: Customer Services and Mercedes Engines

Year 2
- 10 weeks at college in blocks of 2 - 4 weeks
- Full time employment in a CLAAS dealer shop
- Modules studied include: Tractor Fundamentals and Maximising Parts Sales

What Qualifications will I receive?
- National Diploma in Vehicle Parts Operations, which is the equivalent of 3 ‘A’ Levels

Where do I study?
- Reaseheath College, Cheshire
- Learn from some of the most experienced tutors in the industry
- You will get the opportunity to stay on campus and enjoy the social life

What do I need to apply?
- A minimum of 4 GCSEs including Maths, English and ICT, grade C or above.
- An interest in agriculture
- A positive, self-motivated attitude

From Hamm in Germany over 140,000 original parts are supplied globally. During Harvest, 12,000 orders are processed per day.

CLAAS Parts personnel deal directly with our customers.

CLAAS Spare Parts Facility, Hamm Germany

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How do I apply?
Talk to your Careers Adviser at School or write to:
Apprenticeship and Placement Coordinator,
CLAAS U.K. Limited, Saxham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP28 6QZ.
E-mail: cuk.hr@claas.com
We’ll be delighted to send you full details of the course and to answer any questions you or your parents may have.

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