

Betterweld Case Study

Please see below a writeup on our recent student, **Jamie Elliott**:

Case Study: Jamie Elliott, Skills Bootcamps Wave 6

Jamie recently attended our Skills Bootcamp in Ripley having been recently released from prison. Jamie was drawn to the programme as he'd done extensive engineering works whilst serving his sentence and arrived at enrolment with an energy and enthusiasm for learning that we love to see!

Jamie had excellent attainment and attendance on programme, and sought extra experience outside of college hours to hone his skills in a real-world environment. We encouraged and supported this with opportunities to practice these skills within our centre.

Whilst on programme, Jamie covered a variety of engineering and welding skills, including technical drawing, measuring, finishing and workshop tools skills, alongside multi material welding, with his welds being sent off to a lab to be coded (a higher form of welding qualification). This gave Jamie the skillset required to work in a multitude of different industries, from structural steel to thinner gauge works, like manufacturing motor exhausts.



On completion of the course, we progressed Jamie into interviews and made introductions to local companies who we thought would be a good fit for how Jamie wanted to progress. With the skills he learnt and reinforced on programme, he quickly found employment (within 2/3 weeks of course completion) at a Ripley based company and has made it clear he wants to continue his training onto a Level 3 apprenticeship, once he has gained some more stability from his current employer.

Jamie had this to say about his time on programme: "... I can honestly tell you they are amazing, they changed my life I now have a job two weeks later... Betterweld taught more welding sciences so I understand now the makeup of metal and why it reacts the way it does and real settings... thank you so much for everything your staff are incredible."

Jamie's is just one example of how engineering Skills Bootcamps are having an instant impact on the East Midlands and we look forward to sharing many more success stories from these courses, as we continue to support candidates with interviews and further training. We are proud to be part of Jamie's rehabilitation story and look forward to continuing to support him on his learning journey.