

Ian Crabtree - TTS Student: 1993 - 1998

Current role: Assembly Project Engineer, Cosma UK

Career pathway:

After leaving Thomas Telford School with my A Levels I started off by completing a formal engineering apprenticeship and completing my HND in Mechanical Engineering. Following my apprenticeship I completed various roles where I have worked within maintenance, production engineering, continuous improvement and project management.

My specialist field is Robotics and Automation, where I have been involved in designing special purpose systems for a variety of applications. I have also worked with universities and engineering institutes to trial new technologies and processes. I am also an accredited Lean and Project Management practitioner and have been fortunate to work with many prestigious customers including Bentley, Daimler and Jaguar Land Rover.

Advice for students:

My advise is to take every opportunity to experience different work placements. Make the most of any training on offer. Work hard, respect your mentors and see where the opportunities take you.

Plans for the future:

My aspirations are to transfer into a Research and Development role leading the way in new technologies for the automotive industry.

Best memory of your time at Thomas Telford?

I don't have a specific best memory of my time at Thomas Telford, However I enjoyed every part of school and Sixth form alike. I am truly thankful to the School and Teachers who gave me a great start to my career.

