

DANIEL SPORTS TURF LAMBETH COUNCIL

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Tell us about yourself..

Hi, my name is Daniel, and I am a level 2 sports turf operative apprentice at Lambeth Council, Clapham and my main passion is to help others and to ensure sports players have the best quality surface they can play on.

Why did you choose an apprenticeship?

I chose to do an apprenticeship because I wanted to try something different within the sports environment. I also wanted to be active and come across different situations everyday, so this was the perfect apprenticeship for me!

How did you find out about it?

I found out about the apprenticeship on indeed when I was looking for jobs in the

sports sector and it was a perfect match for the type of job I wanted to pursue. Additionally, as I live local to my apprenticeship at Lambeth, I would usually see workers on the common doing pitch marking and always wanted to give it a go.

How long have you been in the industry?

I have only been in this industry since I started my apprenticeship in June 2020, but I have been in the sports sector for several years as I am a qualified football referee, which I do every weekend.

How do you feel you have benefitted from doing an apprenticeship?

My apprenticeship has helped me develop my communication skills when talking to my colleagues and the public when they have any issues. It has also helped me in my everyday life, as I am able to communicate better with football players on a Sunday and my confidence in front of people I don't know has improved massively.

What is the most interesting thing that has happened since being on this apprenticeship?

The most interesting thing that has occurred during my apprenticeship is learning how to use our robot to mark our sports pitches and seeing everyone's reactions on all the parks we mark at.

What advice would you give to someone looking to come into the industry or looking to start and apprenticeship?

The advice I would say to anyone looking to start an apprenticeship is to keep their mind open as you can find things that you never thought you would like and to be on your toes as every day is different and no day is ever the same with what you deal with.

What next for you and your future?

My next steps in the future are to try and get a permanent job at the place I am doing my apprenticeship now. I would then like to try work my way up to supervisor and then maybe a manager in the future at my place of work or another organisation.

What would you say to someone who is thinking of doing an apprenticeship?

To anyone that is wanting to do an apprenticeship I would say it is the best thing you could do, you are learning, working, and getting paid at the same time. You can learn so many different things and meet so many new people.

