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Morgan Sindall helps apprentice take first step on career ladder

A groundwork apprentice has been given a first taste of working on a major construction site with the help of Morgan Sindall.

Daniel Preston is the first apprentice to start work on the £18 million expansion of the Co-operative Academy of Manchester, in Blackley.

Based on-site at the multi-million pound project, Daniel is training five days a week with Morgan Sindall's supply chain partner Will Nixon Groundworks, as part of a Level 2 Apprenticeship in General Construction Operations.

16-year old Daniel was recruited through Yes, a social enterprise which offers support to local people seeking employment or training. Yes is based at The Hive, within the Co-operative Academy, which acts as a support network for the local community and small businesses.

Barry Roberts, Morgan Sindall's North West area director, said: "Morgan Sindall has a strong track record of supporting new talent within local communities, through both our own apprentice programmes and our supply chain partners.

"We are committed to providing young people like Daniel with the opportunity to take their first step onto the career ladder in the construction industry. Community projects such as The Hive are key to ensuring that we continue to attract and encourage new talent from local schools and colleges to choose to train as an apprentice."

Daniel said: "I'm really enjoying myself at the minute. I have been put with experienced gangs to learn the day-to-day basics. I go to college on Mondays and work on site the other four days of the week. I'm looking forward to working with Will Nixon Construction Group for many years to come."

Lee Machin, project manager at Will Nixon Groundworks, said: "Daniel is a bright and enthusiastic young man, he's here every day on time. He's currently working well alongside experienced groundworkers on site, which is very busy at the minute. If he continues to progress well, I am sure he will be offered a long-term position within our company."

The Co-operative Academy expansion comprises of a new Expressive Arts Centre, additional teaching space and improved sports facilities, including a climbing wall. The expansion will also create more parking space for staff and visitors.

During its construction, the project is targeting to provide more than 230 weeks' worth of apprenticeships - with emphasis on benefiting local young people.

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