



BENCHMARK
APPRENTICESHIPS IN FURNITURE MAKING

AN AWARD WINNING PROGRAMME

We have been running apprentice training for 30 years. It is available to young people who live locally aged from 16 years upwards and is run in conjunction with West Berkshire Training Consortium (WBTC) and Ryecotewood Furniture Centre at the City of Oxford College. We are proud to have won National Employer of the Year for Small Businesses and WBTC Platinum Award for Excellence in Training for the last five consecutive years.





“Since I started my apprenticeship I’ve learnt so many new skills and really grown in confidence. It’s a fun place to work with a great team of people who are really supportive. I’ve made some amazing things and I’ve got a skill for the rest of my life.”

Harry Baker, Apprentice 2012-2016

SKILLS FOR LIFE

- Study for City & Guilds Intermediate & Advanced Apprenticeships & NVQ Levels 2 & 3
- Gain experience in all areas of our workshop – hand shop, spray shop, metalwork shop, timber mill, and warehouse
- Benefit from Key Skills training from WBTC

SUPPORTIVE AND STRUCTURED LEARNING

- One day a week at Ryecotewood Furniture Centre
- Yearly plan with time spent in each area of the workshop
- Day to day guidance from Training Manager
- Six weekly progress report
- Work in teams alongside experienced craftsmen
- Individual Learning Plan and quarterly reviews with WBTC.
- End of year 'Design & Make' Projects



"Apprentices are the future of our business. As an employer we get the right skills and a great attitude from our apprentices and in return we nurture young talent and aim to provide them with a fabulous career. Former apprentices make up more than half our workforce and fill some of the most senior positions in the company."

Sean Sutcliffe, Managing Director



VARIED AND INTERESTING WORK

We are one of the leading furniture makers in the UK and work with the world's top architects & designers. You could be making restaurant furniture for The Natural History Museum one day and a huge dining table for Oxford University the next. Every day is different. We've even made a door for No. 10 Downing Street which travelled the world to promote British Design and furniture for Hogwarts!



A CLOSE KNIT AND FRIENDLY TEAM

- Daily team lunches cooked by our own chef
- Regular social events such as BBQ's and cricket matches
- Team building challenges and weekend adventures
- Trips to design exhibitions and festivals



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Want to know more?

Check out our website to see a wide range of our projects

Visit our showroom to see our furniture collection.

We are open Monday-Friday 9-5pm and 10-4pm on Saturdays

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