

Warmstart

Case Study Ewan Johnston

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Ewan Johnston

Role: **Apprentice Heating Engineer & Plumber**

Organisation: **Alba Gas Ltd**

Ewan first joined Alba Gas on a work placement, working with his Dad and Senior Engineer, David. With that having been such a positive experience for him, Ewan decided to take on a Modern Apprenticeship in Natural Gas Installation and Maintenance (SVQ Level 3) qualification at City of Glasgow College in August 2022.

This will enable Ewan to work towards his SVQ qualification, whilst also continuing his work at Alba Gas. This combined approach of studying and practical experience ensures that Ewan can put what he learns into immediate practice and become a fully-fledged tradesman after three years.

Ewan's early training and development have been positively impacted by both his work on the Warmer Homes Scotland scheme and by the support he has received from his senior mentors. Being part of Warmstart will help ensure Ewan will continue to receive all the support needed. Ewan has also enjoyed doing some commercial work in a hotel, which has broadened his experience of types of installations.

Whilst Ewan admits that he finds the job more physically demanding than he had expected, and the studying challenging, he also says: "It's rewarding to see the house before and after and help our customers to feel warm."

In his spare time, Ewan has a passion for football as both a player and spectator. You'll find him playing many matches for his local team the 'Renfrew Vics' – Renfrew Victoria Youth Football Club and attending St Mirren games with his season ticket.

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