

# DANIEL MCBURNNEY



**20 year old Daniel McBurnney from Banbridge Co Down is currently studying NVQ L3 Wall & Floor Tiling in Southern Regional College (SRC), Greenbank Campus. Having achieved a medal in his trade at Skillbuild 2017 he had the opportunity to compete in the Skills Show UK competition and now is in training for the selection squad for the UK team for WorldSkills finals in Russia 2019.**

Speaking about his experience in the construction industry and why he followed the apprenticeship route he said, "I chose an apprenticeship because I enjoy working with my hands and I liked the idea of working in different locations such as shopping centres, bars, swimming pools and private housing. I also wanted a job I could work at when travelling as I would like to visit Canada and Australia after my apprenticeship is complete."

"I focused Wall and Floor tiling because I enjoyed the basic course I did in the college and it allowed me to learn more about the trade and I liked that it was both construction and design. I also wanted a job where I would be working towards the end of a project so it wasn't all based outside."

Daniel is completing his apprenticeship full time, based with his employer and attending the college one day per week. Speaking about his course Daniel said, "I like

the course because we are always doing something different. I have learned to use all the equipment I need to use on site and I can tile complex design work as a result of my training at SRC. The college also sent me on work experience to Germany through the Erasmus project and the work I completed whilst there was used in my portfolio. My employer has supported me by allowing me the opportunity to work on my own now as I have developed my skills."

Daniel is also now focused on training for the opportunity to represent Northern Ireland in the WorldSkills UK Team. Speaking about his training he said, "My training includes technical training set at international standards but also training at Loughborough University on how to deal with pressure, problem solving, physical fitness and media training. This is one of the best things I have ever done and I have been given the chance to be the best through the guidance I have received at SRC and the support of my employer."



## CASE STUDY