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**Renishaw apprentices win prestigious industrial robotics contest**

Two [Renishaw apprentices](https://www.renishaw.com/en/early-careers--47201?srsltid=AfmBOoowT0uNjrWD550AGI8A3tzO5iJGUfpxo2on2m9clmyMsoISFZu4&utm_source=Stone+Junction&utm_medium=Q%26A&utm_campaign=REC899+-+Renishaw+apprentices+win+Gold+at+WorldSkills+UK+finals+-+HN&utm_id=REC899+&utm_content=earned) have been recognised as the brightest young talents in industrial robotics, winning the prestigious WorldSkills UK competition. Morgan Leyshon and Aled Gore, both 21 and from Bridgend, Wales, secured the gold medal in Industrial Robotics, beating over 80 contenders in an eight-month-long contest. The winners will now represent Team UK at the WorldSkills International Industrial Robotics competition in Shanghai, China in 2026.

Organised by industrial robotics specialists FANUC UK, the WorldSkills UK competition is one of the most widely respected national robotics contests. The finalists had to design an integrated cell robot system to load and stack totes on a pallet ready for shipment. The totes had to be loaded with specific numbers of packages of different sizes. The project was more complex than in previous years, involving three stages – setting up the robot and cell, completing the basic task and attempting an extension task if time allowed. The decision to assign contenders more advanced tasks was in response to an increase in the number of applicants and overall ability.

“Morgan and Aled’s success underscores their advanced technical skills and the immense dedication and effort they have invested over the past year, setting an example for other aspiring engineers,” commented Simon Biggs, Early Careers Manager at Renishaw. “These apprentices are a great example of Renishaw’s commitment to fuelling innovation by attracting and nurturing young engineering talent. The pair demonstrated outstanding proficiency in programming robots to perform complex tasks, including creating a digital twin, showcasing their expertise in robotics and automation.”

Apprenticeships are core to Renishaw’s [early career](https://www.renishaw.com/en/early-careers--47201?srsltid=AfmBOoowT0uNjrWD550AGI8A3tzO5iJGUfpxo2on2m9clmyMsoISFZu4&utm_source=Stone+Junction&utm_medium=Q%26A&utm_campaign=REC899+-+Renishaw+apprentices+win+Gold+at+WorldSkills+UK+finals+-+HN&utm_id=REC899+&utm_content=earned)s programme. This year, the company welcomed 63 new apprentices alongside 100 graduates and 57 industrial placement students. Renishaw encourages applicants from diverse backgrounds with different skills and experience, with roles available in Gloucestershire and South Wales. Early-careers employees gain invaluable insight from industry-leading specialists, whilst working on real-life projects and products.

Both Aled and Morgan are mechanical engineering students at Bridgend College and are currently undertaking their apprenticeships at Renishaw’s manufacturing facility in Miskin, South Wales. They hope to pursue engineering careers at Renishaw after completing their programmes.

Aled commented: “I am proud to represent Renishaw at this world-leading competition. It’s great to work for a company that encourages young talent to go the extra mile and put their skills and creativity to the test.”

Morgan added: “My ambition is to get into programming in the future and this early-career experience has been a unique opportunity for me to prove my skills and determination.”

For further information on early careers at Renishaw please visit [Early Careers](https://www.renishaw.com/en/early-careers--47201?srsltid=AfmBOoowT0uNjrWD550AGI8A3tzO5iJGUfpxo2on2m9clmyMsoISFZu4&utm_source=Stone+Junction&utm_medium=Q%26A&utm_campaign=REC899+-+Renishaw+apprentices+win+Gold+at+WorldSkills+UK+finals+-+HN&utm_id=REC899+&utm_content=earned).

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Renishaw is a world leading supplier of measuring systems and manufacturing systems. Its products give high accuracy and precision, gathering data to provide customers and end users with traceability and confidence in what they’re making. This technology also helps its customers to innovate their products and processes.

It is a global business with over 5,000 employees located in the 36 countries where it has wholly owned subsidiary operations. The majority of R&D work takes place in the UK, with the largest manufacturing sites located in the UK, Ireland and India.

For the year ended June 2024 Renishaw recorded sales of £691.3 million of which 95% was due to exports. The company’s largest markets are China, USA, Japan and Germany.

Renishaw is guided by its purpose: Transforming Tomorrow Together. This means working with its customers to make the products, create the materials, and develop the therapies that are going to be needed for the future.

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