



**KIRKCALDY APPRENTICE PLASTERER WINS NATIONAL COMPETITION  
-THOMAS MORGAN NAMED SCREWFIX TRADE APPRENTICE 2016-**

Local apprentice plasterer, Thomas Morgan from Kirkcaldy, has seen off competition from across the UK to be crowned the Screwfix Trade Apprentice of 2016.

Thomas headed down to Google HQ, in London, and attended the national final last week (April 15th) with eight other finalists. There, he had to impress a panel of judges and convince them he was the best apprentice in the UK to win top spot.

Currently a third-year Apprentice Plasterer for Fife Council, Thomas, 21, stood out for his passion for the trade, craftsmanship and commitment to furthering his skills. As well as working towards his qualification at Edinburgh College, Thomas also studies HNC Construction in the evenings, which highlights his dedication to his job.

Not only does he take home the title of the Screwfix Trade Apprentice of the Year, 2016, but he also receives a £10,000 ultimate business and trade bundle. This includes a top-of-the-range laptop, as well as £5,000 worth of Screwfix products and up to £3,000 to spend on training courses to further enhance his career - everything he needs to get a kick-start in the industry.

Thomas commented: "I couldn't believe it when my name was read out as the winner of the Screwfix Trade Apprentice Award, I never win anything! The business bundle will enable me to continue with my studies, and I will also be able to get my hands on some new tools. I plan to use the prize to help me to fund a degree in construction management so eventually I can progress into a managerial role and train other apprentices. I hope to be a real ambassador to others and highlight what a great career being in the trade is. What a brilliant first step on the ladder this has given me!"

Now in its second year, this highly competitive award led by leading multi-channel retailer, Screwfix, aims to recognise and champion the best trade apprentices in the UK.

Andrew Livingston, CEO of Screwfix, comments: "We're particularly keen to support apprentices, on whose shoulders the future of the trade industry depends. This competition reaches hundreds of apprentices and trainees at the start of their careers, encouraging them to strive for excellence in their craft and achieve the very highest professional standards.

"Thomas is a brilliant example of a young person who is motivated to succeed as an independent future tradesman and I look forward to hearing about his future success."

The Screwfix Trade Apprentice award will return in 2017. For more information please visit [www.facebook.com/SFApprentice](http://www.facebook.com/SFApprentice)

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**Note to editors**

**About Screwfix:**

Screwfix is part of Kingfisher plc, a home improvement company with over 1,100 stores in 10 countries in Europe, Russia and Turkey. For further information go to [www.kingfisher.com](http://www.kingfisher.com).

Screwfix is recognised as being “where the trade buys”, offering a straightforward and transparently-priced retail experience that enables busy tradesmen to shop 26,000 products over the phone, online, via their mobile or from their local store.

- From power tools and work wear to cables and pipe fittings, more than 11,000 products are available to pick up from the national network of 459 stores. A further range of over 15,000 products can be ordered over the phone, online or from a local store for next day delivery, with orders taken up until 7pm to home or site.
- Screwfix.com attracts 2.2 million unique visitors per week and the Screwfix Click & Collect service means customers can conveniently purchase supplies online (or over the phone) and then collect from store just five minutes later.
- Customers can call the UK-based Screwfix Contact Centre 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including bank holidays) on 03330 112 112.
- All 459 UK stores are open 7 days a week and from 7am Monday to Friday.
- 9 out of 10 customers would recommend Screwfix to a friend.

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