

Careers at Dairy Crest



“Teamwork and camaraderie are core ethics built into the Dairy Crest way of life.”

Adam King, EDEN Dairy Technologist Trainee

Time at Dairy Crest: 9 years

Age when joined: 25

Before Dairy Crest: I worked for a Civil Engineering company. Prior to that I studied for a GNVQ in Business studies.

My most surprising fact I learned about Dairy Crest: The sheer size of the place and the volumes of cheddar produced - on average 1.5-1.7 million litres of milk is processed daily

Areas worked within at Dairy Crest: There are many different areas within the Cheese Department, and I am lucky enough to have worked in all of them. I have worked my way up from being a Cheese Controller, gaining valuable knowledge and experience along the way. Dairy Crest offers various courses and training opportunities to help further careers and personal development

My career development at Dairy Crest: In 2015 and at the age of 31 I was successful in my application for an ‘Eden Technologist Apprenticeship’ which leads to a foundation degree in Dairy Technology

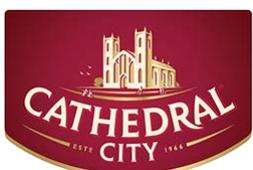
Teamwork at Dairy Crest: Davidstow has continued to keep the local connections and a friendly atmosphere whilst consistently producing the best Cheddar around! I have found it to be welcoming, friendly, enjoyable and rewarding.

My advice to anyone wanting to work in the food industry: If you are willing to learn, work hard, show commitment and want to grow personally and professionally the food manufacture/dairy sector could be for you. It is an ever changing and growing industry. The latest technology and processes are used throughout the business, with the Cheese packing robot still one of my favourites today!

If I could talk to my younger self at college: I would have told myself to apply for an apprenticeship within the engineering or operations department without a second thought.



Photo of Adam and fellow students making cheese by hand at college.



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Lisa Gosling, Day Engineer



How long have you worked for Dairy Crest? I have worked for Dairy Crest now for 4 and half years. I was 18 years old when I first started and I started on the Eden Engineering Apprenticeship Programme.

What did you study at school? I studied BTEC level 2 in Engineering and I also did English, Maths and Science .

When I joined Dairy Crest I did a day release course at Midlands Group Training Services college in Coventry to study for my BTEC Level 3 in Engineering while completing my 4 year apprenticeship at Dairy Crest.

How did you find out about your first job at Dairy Crest? I found out about Dairy Crest when I was looking for an apprenticeship. It was different to anything that I had applied for before as this was a job, and I had only ever applied to colleges.

What most surprised you about working for Dairy Crest? I think the thing that surprised me the most is the fact that every day I come to work will be different from the day before!

What is your current job? I completed my Engineering Apprenticeship last year and I am now a ‘Day Engineer’.

It is my job to diagnose breakdowns, fit new parts and makes sure equipment is working correctly. My day to day task is to keep production running by making sure our machines run at their best. To do this I attend to any breakdowns, maintain production equipment, and carry out planned maintenance.

How has the company helped you? Dairy Crest has helped me to excel in my apprenticeship by letting me shadow engineers in different departments to acquire the necessary skills to complete my apprenticeship.

What do you like most about working at Dairy Crest? I work within a very knowledgeable and helpful team at Dairy Crest, and I am happy at the rate of progression in my career.

How do you feel about working for a company that produces market leading brands? I feel that I am working for a great company, and I am thankful that I have been giving the opportunity to grow with them as a business as I progress my career.

How do you find Dairy Crest as a place to work? It’s a great fun environment to be working in, and you learn new things every day. The team that I work with have been very supportive and have helped my progress through my apprenticeship. They still continue to support me to become a better engineer.

What would you say to others that are considering or unsure about working in the food manufacture? I would recommend to anyone, to work in the food manufacturing sector. It’s a very clean environment to work in and, there are a lot of different opportunities that you can take to progress your career in different ways.

What advice would you give to your younger self? If I could back and tell my self-anything, I would tell myself to do the best that I can. Be confident in what I can do, what I know and set my goals high. Also to be ready to show people what I can achieve.

