

KMF medal winners look to World Skills 2015

KMF (Precision Sheet Metal) apprentices Harley Brian and Ryan Murphy moved closer to being part of Team UK at the next World Skills competition, after taking Gold and Silver medals, respectively, in the Advanced Sheet Metal category during the Skills Show at Birmingham's NEC last November.

Harley and Ryan, who are entering their third year as apprentices at Newcastle-under-Lyme-based KMF, hope to mimic their mentor and former KMF apprentice Matt Page, who was part of the team representing the UK at World Skills Leipzig 2013, in the sheetmetal category.

The Skills Show competition saw almost 700 apprentices competing for places in the Team UK training squad for Brazil 2015. Harley and Ryan will undergo an intense two-year programme, which will see them compete against each other for a place on the plane to Brazil in 2015.



Silver medallist Ryan Murphy (left) and Gold Medal winner Harley Brian will now compete for a place on the plane to Brazil

Sheetmetal technology was only reintroduced to the list of skills in 2009, after a long absence, so it is particularly pleasing to KMF that it has had apprentices selected for Team UK on the two occasions that it has entered since then.

"We are extremely proud of the achievements of Harley and Ryan at this year's Skills Show and we will be giving them every encourage-

ment and all the support that they need over the next two years to assist them in gaining a place on Team UK, as it heads out to Brazil in 2015.

"The experience we gained with Matt this year, will help to ensure that Harley or Ryan have the best possible chance to bring home gold from Brazil," says Jenny Conlon, KMF's training centre manager.