



High achievement for KMF apprentice at awards ceremony

At the annual Apprentice Awards evening held by Staffordshire-based KMF (Precision Sheet Metal) Ltd (www.kmf.co.uk), the Apprentice of the Year award was presented by KMF director John Tilling to Joe Pemberton (pictured), who consistently achieved exam marks in the 90% range when the national average was closer to 60%.

This followed the presentation of KMF's Attendance & Punctuality awards and its Team Leader Choice award. There was also a special mention for Matt Page, who completed his apprenticeship in 2012 but was recently part of Team UK at the *World Skills* final in Leipzig. He represented the UK in sheet metal technology and was the first person to do so at the final for over 20 years.

Managing director Gareth Higgins presented Matt with a memento of his achievement and also announced that two other apprentices — Harley Brian and Ryan Murphy, who recently won medals at the *Skills Show* — will be put forward to compete for a place on Team UK at the 2015 *World Skills* final in 2015. "Matt's presence at *World Skills 2013* was a reflection of the hard work and dedication that KMF and its apprentices put into their training. We are already planning for the next event, and we hope that Harley or Ryan can go on to represent the UK in Brazil."