

KMF apprentices are off to WorldSkills Leipzig

Two KMF (Precision Sheet Metal) rising stars have successfully gone through the selection process for the WorldSkills Leipzig 2013. With one place on offer, KMF's Matt Page has been selected as the UK's representative, with his colleague, Jake Repsys, also travelling to Leipzig, as first reserve.

The pair's achievement is more impressive, given the fact that this is the first time in over 20 years that the UK has been represented in the sheet metal area at WorldSkills, and that the usual 18-month build-up to the skills test was



**Caption: L to R -
Jake Repsys, Matt
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reduced to six months.

"Sheet metal at WorldSkills was abandoned many years ago, but it made a reappearance in 2009, but with totally different criteria, where competitors need much more all-round skills, rather than just craft technique," says WorldSkills Mentor Dave Vaughan. "The new contest includes CAD, CNC laser, CNC press brake, as well as the traditional manual skills of developing a fabrication. Not many companies train their apprentices with all of these skills, which are vital to success at WorldSkills level."

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