



Tarmac's School of Rock!



In 2017, 39 colleagues from our Materials business successfully graduated from the University of Derby. Their graduation marks the end of a three year journey for the students; who through a combination of distance learning, classroom sessions and on-the-job learning successfully completed a foundation degree in mineral extractives or asphalt and pavement technology or a BSc in minerals management.

In addition, eight people passed their final exams and achieved a diploma in mineral extractives, concrete or cement studies.

Tarmac has worked closely for many years with the Institute of Quarrying and University of Derby to continually develop a well established programme of learning which is now recognised as the industry standard for the quarrying and construction materials sector.

Miles Dobson, head of manufacturing and asset optimisation, said: "This is a tremendous result which has been achieved by sheer hard work, dedication and commitment. We are very proud of everyone who has completed their qualification, they really are a credit to Tarmac."

Amy Wardle, technical supervisor at Mountsorrel Quarry, added: "I found the course itself quite challenging especially in year two, when the work steps up with an extra module.

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Joshua Mason, assistant quarry manager at Ballidon Quarry, completed the mineral products technology foundation degree, having joined the business as a higher apprentice three years ago. He said: "Distance learning taught me to manage my time effectively and allowed me to learn both on-the-job and in the classroom, helping me develop both a practical and theoretical understanding of a range of mineral extractive aspects."

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