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We're proud to share that [Ben King](#), CNC Milling Technician at [Kirkstall Precision](#), has been nominated for Apprentice of the Year at the [Leeds Manufacturing Festival](#) Next Gen Awards 2026.

It's brilliant recognition for someone who has already made a strong impression in a short space of time and continues to play an important role in the future of machining, robotics and automation at Kirkstall Precision.

As Ben puts it:

"After only a short period of time, being entrusted to run the automated Brother cell where we will be machining implants is something I'm incredibly proud of. It marks a major step forward in my career and in KPE's future in robotics and automation. I'm grateful to those who believed in me and gave me the opportunity to demonstrate what I can accomplish."

Ben has been nominated by a former colleague for the progress he has made so far, and we're delighted to see his hard work, attitude and potential recognised in this way.

Congratulations, Ben, and very well deserved.

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