

## ***Eriez plans today for tomorrow's high-calibre staff***

Eriez Magnetics Europe, Bedwas, UK, has provided mechanical and electrical apprenticeships to three young men from the local South Wales community. Apart from offering employment and training to the newcomers, the company hopes the move will help develop a new generation of skilled staff at its manufacturing plant. Over the next three years the apprentices will divide their time between attending college and working alongside experienced Eriez employees. Electrical apprentice Nicholas Driscoll will concentrate on all electrical aspects of the company's products including maintenance and eventually customer service visits. Mechanical apprentices Evan Griffiths and Andrew Stubbs will gain experience in all areas of the manufacturing process including fabrication, welding, inspection, machine shop and stores/despatch. The three new staff members were chosen through a selection process at their college, Colleg Morgannwg. Tim Shuttleworth, Eriez Magnetics Co's CEO, flew over from the US to meet the latest additions to the Eriez team.

Miles Disbrey, operations manager at the Bedwas plant, commented: "Over the next few years we have a number of skilled people retiring who are very difficult to replace. Looking ahead we decided offering apprenticeships to local students to overcome our shortfall. Working closely with the local college we have three young lads who will be able to continue our success into the future." [www.eriez.com](http://www.eriez.com)



***New Eriez Magnetics apprentices (from the left) Evan Griffiths, Andrew Stubbs and Nicholas Driscoll with managing director Paul Fears (second from left) and Tim Shuttleworth, CEO of the US parent company (second from right)***