

Award Winning Security Company, Pointer, Names Apprentice of the Year

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Glasgow's Metropolitan Restaurant buzzed as 50 guests gathered for Pointer's apprentice of the year award. Winner of the prestigious National Training Award, Pointer is officially known to be one of the UK's leading training providers.

The 2004 apprentice of the year award winner, John MacKay, was selected for the quality of his work, positive attitude and range of skills. He is now a fully qualified installation engineer for CCTV, access control, intruder/fire alarms and other advanced electronic security systems.

For the next 12 months John will hold the David Henry Shield. This special award was created by Pointer in honour of an apprentice who died at a tragically young age. From the company, John also received a cheque for £100 and a £300 state-of-the-art mobile phone. Apprentices in years one, two and three of their training, were also awarded prizes for exceptional achievement.

Pointer now have 36 apprentices on a four year programme that includes three years study accredited by the Scottish Qualifications Authority. In the fourth year they work in the field under supervision. To address training needs at the forefront of security technology, the company has developed their own fully accredited training school known as Pointer College. For the first time this year, they have taken apprentices from outside the company on a trial basis and expect to extend external enrolment next year.

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