

## Welcome to the Team!

We are delighted to welcome two graduates to the business, both of whom join us from Loughborough University, one of the UK's leading centres of excellence for teaching engineering, in addition to science, technology and mathematics (STEM).

Both have already created a place for themselves as valued members of our teams, having spent time on our projects at the A14 and Heave as summer placement students.



**Alexandra (Lexi) Mackle** will join the team providing consultancy services for Atkins on the development of Hs2 phase 2a from Birmingham to Crewe. Lexi's final year dissertation project was completed in conjunction with research group, ACHILLES and looked at problematic high plasticity clays in transport infrastructure earthworks. Lexi's project won the East Midlands Emerging Engineer of the Year Award.

Outside the day job, Lexi spends most of her time outdoors; rock climbing or running and is training to run a marathon next year.

**Matt Baker** joins Paul Bird's team at the outset of our work on Hs2 phase 1 on behalf of the EKFB joint venture based between site offices and our regional office at Earls Colne.

Matt is a keen sportsman and has played rugby at Welsh cup and university level and is also a grade 7 drums player. Matt's final year dissertation was on innovative approaches to quality control in Earthworks.

