

**Name:** Rebecca Beale  
**Job Title:** Operational Support Manager  
**Company:** Syngenta  
**Hometown:** Helensburgh



### **What attracted you to the industry you are in?**

I enjoyed chemistry and chemical manufacturing and felt it would be interesting work with lots of future opportunities.

### **How long have you been in your current role?**

6 months. I previously worked at the site for 5 years and held various roles including a process chemist, a manufacturing technician and junior production manager.

### **Describe your day-to-day role:**

My role is wide ranging. I work shifts. Some of the tasks include assisting with production support, overseeing breakdowns and planned work, task management, incident management, auditing, permit control and training others.

### **What kind of training have you done?**

A lot of the training for the role is 'on the job training' covering process knowledge, permit writing, document writing, auditing, use of specialist programmes and software, health and safety legislation, problems solving and investigations.

### **Have you completed any professional qualifications?**

Master's in Chemistry (MChem). Master's in Business Administration (MBA).

### **What skills are the most important for you to do your job well?**

I think teamwork, time management, people skills and adaptability are important.

### **Is there anything unusual about your role?**

The role is wide ranging and offers a large variety of activities which vary from simple janitorial duties to more complex production support. You are never bored!

#DYWKeyWorkers

**DYW**

**FORTH VALLEY**  
Developing the  
Young Workforce

### **Do you get a lot of support from your company?**

Yes, Syngenta are very supportive and provide the necessary training to allow me to carry out my job fully.

### **Do you like living & working in Forth Valley?**

Yes. I can undertake an interesting and rewarding job and it's central for travelling. There are lots of great opportunities in the area.

### **What is your favourite part of the job?**

I love the variation of job tasks and the fact that every day is different. I work with a professional, supportive and friendly group of people which is great.

### **Did you always want to pursue a career in this industry?**

Yes, I have always been interested in chemistry and was keen to pursue a career around this.

### **What is your advice for school leavers looking to start an apprenticeship?**

An apprenticeship is a fantastic opportunity to gain industry specific training and will allow you to learn practical hands on skills within the industry straight away.

### **How does it feel to be a Keyworker supporting the Country's fight against Covid-19?**

I'm grateful that I am still able to attend work. Due to the changes my workplace has made to protect employees from Covid-19 I feel safe in the workplace. Farmers more than ever depend on us and I am pleased knowing that my contribution helps play a part in to ensure food security for all.

### **Tell us what makes you proud to be a Keyworker?**

I'm proud to be able to continue to support myself, my family and the wider community.

#DYWKeyWorkers

**DYW**

**FORTH VALLEY**

Developing  
the  
Young Workforce