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## Excellent Opportunity in our R&D Department

As the UK's largest independent soft fruit grower, we are extremely passionate about underpinning our growing techniques through our outstanding research and development programme.

Through our R&D programme, we are always looking for ways of producing the best quality fruits to continue delighting and exceeding the expectations of our customers and consumers.

We have an on-site analytical laboratory providing our growers with regular updates concerning the nutrient status of their crops. We also have an extensive soft fruit breeding programme enabling us to select and develop improved traits for future exclusive cultivars.

We are excited to offer the following full-time, FTC (12months) vacancy within our R&D department, based in Marden, Herefordshire:

### Spray Operator / Growing Assistant (Trainee) R&D

This is a position offered as a dual role, encompassing the responsibilities of a Spray Operator whilst also offering opportunities to gain experience assisting the R&D team in the completion of a wide variety of tasks.

The successful candidate will be working alongside the R&D Grower, implementing preventative and corrective actions as part of the pest and disease management strategy.

Day to day tasks will involve the application of plant protection products, through the use of a 120L trolley sprayer (full training to PA1 and PA6 training will be provided), irrigation monitoring, and collation of trial data.

In-house training will be given in the use of Priva irrigation control software, as well as 1-2-1 mentoring with a view to providing the candidate with a solid foundation in commercial growing practices



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The successful candidate will also have the opportunity to assist other team members and develop skills in many other areas including plant breeding, selection and assessment of new varieties, plant propagation, harvest management, etc.

This opportunity would be suitable for an applicant who is currently studying for a qualification in horticultural science or a related subject and is looking to get 'hand's on' experience in the soft fruit industry during a placement year. Alternatively, candidates who are enthusiastic and motivated and are looking to enter the horticultural sector will also be considered.

Our people are core to our business, and we are proud of providing a working environment that allows people to grow and develop in all areas of the business. The atmosphere at S&A is fast paced, exhilarating, and rewarding.

We offer a competitive salary, 33 days annual leave, pension contributions and scope to uncover your potential with a rapidly expanding, independent business. Please send applications via email to: [jkennedy@sagroup.co.uk](mailto:jkennedy@sagroup.co.uk)



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