

CASE STUDY

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Why did you choose an Apprenticeship over University?

Finding jobs can take months, sometimes years, even with a strong degree. An Apprenticeship offers a way into work and provides you with sought after job experience from the get-go. In specific areas such as financial services I've found that more employers are keen to take on people with experience in the market over degrees. But most of all, you're not left with the £40K+ average debt from your student loan!

What advice would you give candidates wanting to stand out in an interview?

The most important factor is to show a true interest in the firm you're looking at. Get it across that you want to work for this business and let the interviewers know you are interested in what they do. Never be afraid to ask questions at any stage during an interview, the interviewers aren't there to catch you out on what you don't know, but want to see what you can offer to them.

How have you found your experience with Kaplan so far?

Kaplan has been a brilliant organisation to work with, from application to offer I found the process transparent and efficient.

My co-ordinator was in constant contact if I had any questions to ask and kept the whole process organised. When I started the job, they let me know what would be required of me to hold both a full-time job alongside studying for the qualification. I have recommended them to my friends who haven't gone to university.



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Where do you hope to be in three years' time?

I hope to have progressed and be on a permanent contract at Munich Re. I am looking to specialise in Underwriting and continue with the Chartered Insurance Institute (CII) qualification to give me options in my career going forward. The great thing about this Apprenticeship is that it gives you choices; people who were in the same role have gone on to all sorts of careers from accounting and auditing, to underwriting and broking.

How are you finding the Apprenticeship role so far?

It has been a real challenge but I have learnt so much and I feel like I'm playing an important role in the functioning of the department. I'm ecstatic with my choice to go into an Apprenticeship instead of university, I feel like the amount of opportunities I have is growing and I'd recommend it to anyone!



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