

CASE STUDY

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Why did you choose an Apprenticeship?

I learn best when I can apply my knowledge in practice, rather than struggling to relate in a classroom setting. Though I initially applied for university, simply because I felt this was the “expected route” to go down, I was always concerned about having debt to pay, moving away, gaining little or no experience and not having a job at the end.

An Apprenticeship has allowed me to earn while I learn, as well as gain experience in practice. I am also now confident in the workplace and talking to clients, having acquired skills that can only be learnt through experience.

How do you balance work with studying?

I have passed AAT Level 3 and I am currently working towards Level 4. It's really rewarding when you can relate what you are doing at work to what you have learnt.

My employer is really supportive, which has eased me into a work/study life balance. I am on a day release study programme, which means that around once a week I train at Kaplan

in Birmingham. They also ensure that my work ties in with my studies, which helps cement my learning.



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How has Kaplan helped you?

I started the Apprenticeship straight after my A Levels. Kaplan arranged my study package at my local centre and even helped me work on my interview technique.

Tutors are always on hand to answer any queries and my AAT Apprenticeship advisor contacts me at least once a month to ensure I am happy and achieving the best out of my Apprenticeship.

What would be your advice for anyone considering an Apprenticeship?

Talk to your teachers or tutors as they often receive information promoting Apprenticeships, and once they know you're looking, they can assist you.

Also it's really worthwhile trying to find some work experience. Not only will it help your CV to stand out and give you a talking point for interviews, it will give you a real insight into working life.

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Why choose an Accountancy Apprenticeship?

Accountancy is a highly-skilled profession where you can work in a variety of roles and industries.

More than maths, it's perfect for people who are organised and have an eye for detail.

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