

MEET PRINCESS, A LEVEL 6 COMPLIANCE AND RISK SPECIALIST APPRENTICE AT BARCLAYS



Tell us a bit about your role.

In my current team (Asset and Liability Management) my role within the team is to look at the pull-through and pre-payment rate of mortgages the bank offers. A typical day in my role is coming into the office for 9:00am, having a few meetings with my team and other colleagues. I have lunch with my friends from 12:00pm and after that, back to work! In addition to my day job, I'm part of our Gender Employee Resource Group (ERG) and also our Black Professionals Resource Group so I sometimes have meetings related to that. My day ends at 5:00pm.

Why did you choose to do your apprenticeship?

I decided to go into Risk because I found it very interesting and intriguing as I hadn't known much about it when I was at school. I decided to do an apprenticeship instead of going to university as I believe it gives a better hands-on experience of what you are being taught, and you also get to earn as well, which is a huge plus!

How did you go about finding an apprenticeship?

When I was searching for my apprenticeship, I used apprenticeships.gov.uk, UCAS, RateMyApprenticeship, My World of Work and Apprenticeships.scot. I really had to venture out and research myself, but I had support from my mum. What made me pursue this role was the job description and the detail of what we were going to do within the programme.

How is your apprenticeship delivered?

My training provider is International Compliance Association (ICA). As an apprentice at Barclays you are given the equivalent of 6 hours a week for off-the-job training study days, which you can take once a week to study and prepare for assessments. For our apprenticeship our degree is solely online and it is a professional qualification.

Who or what inspires you?

My inspiration is my mum, I love her work ethic and everything she does for me and I strive to be like her!

What would your advice be to students, parents and carers about apprenticeships?

Please push school leavers to at least consider applying for apprenticeships. I feel that it gives them a more engaging and hands-on experience of the world of work and allows them to grow and learn more as they progress through their apprenticeship.

Find out more about the Black Apprentice Network and their mentoring scheme for future apprentices here:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-black-apprentice-network/>



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