

BLACK APPRENTICE NETWORK CASE STUDIES



MEET NATASHA, A LEVEL 6 DIGITAL AND TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS (SOFTWARE ENGINEER) APPRENTICE AT GOLDMAN SACHS

Tell us a bit about your role.

I am a junior developer in a trading and sales technology team. I spent most of my time coding and partaking in additional training provided by the firm. Every day isn't typically the same as things are constantly changing the more I evolve.

Why did you choose to do an apprenticeship?

I became an apprentice as I thought it was the easiest way for me to pivot into technology, whilst gaining experience and a degree. I wanted to go into technology as I realised that everything is powered by technology and code, and I wanted to have an impact in this area.



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How did you go about finding an apprenticeship?

I searched for universities that offer degree apprenticeships for software engineering in London and applied to all of the companies I found. Apprenticeships were something that had some negative stigma when I was at school, so I didn't consider them until last year.

How is your apprenticeship delivered?

Queen Mary University London (QMUL) is my training provider. We go to university twice a week and go to work for the remainder of the week. We have a dedicated campus for apprentices.

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

Be open to them. They have a wealth of benefits and can help a young person kickstart their career in the best way.



Me and my twin sister, who is about to start an apprenticeship at KPMG.

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

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