

BLACK APPRENTICE NETWORK CASE STUDIES



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Tell us a bit about your role.

I'm currently placed in a central accounting team and have been there since September. I have a four day working week and I start at 9:00am and finish at 5:00pm.

Why did you choose to do your apprenticeship?

I decided to become an apprentice because it means I get a real insight into my dream career and I get to learn things that you can only really learn on the job. Finance has always been an interest of mine since I knew about it as a career path, which made it easier for me to know which sector of apprenticeships to look at. I had always really just wanted to work and the idea of university never really appealed to me.

How did you go about finding an apprenticeship?

I used to search random companies and put 'finance apprenticeship' at the end of each search. I did work experience before applying, which allowed me to see which apprenticeships companies offer and what they were like. My school had done a few talks about apprenticeships being an alternative route.

How is your apprenticeship delivered?

I go to a training centre provided by KAPLAN, my apprenticeship training provider, but I have the option to learn modules online or on demand. It's up to me, but I prefer classroom learning.

Who or what inspires you and what are your goals?

My inspiration is LeBron James. He came from nothing and built a strong empire for him and his family and I think that's very inspiring. My ultimate goal is to run my own accounting firm one day and then open a Caribbean restaurant in Belfast.

What is your proudest achievement?

My proudest achievement is playing rugby for my region last year as I never thought it would be a possibility for me to represent at that level.

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

Make kids aware of the opportunities out there. This can be done by either having a school LinkedIn page or even just sending out emails with apprenticeship vacancies. For parents I would say just be open to the idea of apprenticeships, as for some career paths it is a brilliant route.



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

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