



Meet the Apprentice

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Apprenticeship: Finance AAT Level 2

Tell me about yourself? I enjoy socialising with my friends and going to the Middlesbrough matches up and down the country. I also really like playing pool and five a side. I was born in Leeds but moved to Middlesbrough when I was little to be closer to my family.

When did you join Jacksons? I joined in July 2019, shortly after finishing my GCSEs.

What made you seek an apprenticeship? I liked the idea of working at a job where you would earn an education as well as an understanding about that role and develop experience which is only possible if you take this route. Also, I felt that I was ready for more of a real-life challenge rather than an academic one.

What do you like about working for Jacksons? The respect that you get from colleagues is great, it's really motivating. Also, how willing everyone is to help you learn and succeed has been a key factor in my progress.

What is your greatest achievement at Jacksons? Probably just all the nice feedback that people have given me as it makes me proud of what I've achieved.

What do you hope to get out of your apprenticeship? Valuable experience in finance and skills that I can use throughout my career. Furthermore, I'd also like to pick up experience in business like talking to clients, dealing with suppliers, just general interactions that can only be taught in the workplace.

What advice would you give to potential apprentices about joining the world of work? Be able to listen and make notes on everything that you're told as it's useful information that you never know when you might need to use. Also, show a willingness to your employer that you're eager to learn and develop as it's an attitude that will prove to them that you can take on various responsibilities and roles.

Would you recommend the apprentice route to others? Yes, as you can gain an education as well as learn not only what is involved in the job but whether it's something you'd like to pursue before entering a big financial commitment like university. Also, you gain experience that will make you more employable in the future as it proves that you're trustworthy, punctual, reliable etc.

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you go? Canada, as not only do I have an interest of living there when I'm older, I'd also like to do activities like snowmobiling and skiing.

What is your favourite colour and why? Navy blue as it's the colour of pretty much all my clothes.

If you had to choose your favourite meal what would it be? Homemade lasagne

What luxury could you not live without? My phone as I'd miss talking to my friends and family.