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Vistry Group

Quantity Surveying Degree Apprenticeship

Why an apprenticeship?

I chose to do an apprenticeship as I was excited to get into the working environment and to start my career. The apprenticeship balance of working and studying best suited me.

What were you doing before you started your apprenticeship at Vistry?

Before I started my Apprenticeship, I was at sixth form studying Accounting, Psychology and Business A-levels. I applied for the apprenticeship during my final year and was lucky to get an interview and accepted to start in the following September after leaving Sixth form in the April.

Tell us about your job role and what you love about it?

My job role as a TQS means that I assist in overseeing all the costs of a project and help manage the contracts. On a day-to-day basis this means I interact with both the subcontractors and our external client to try and control money in and out of the job. What I enjoy most about my job is that everyday is different, this makes coming to work exciting and motivating.

What advice would you give to someone looking to do an apprenticeship?

My advice would be to make sure that as well as wanting to work, you are still motivated to study. The apprenticeship gives real life examples of the topics you are studying, this can aid in higher grades and higher quality work. This can be really rewarding, so it is vital that you are equally as engaged with your study's as you are at work.

What would you like to do after your apprenticeship?

After my degree I hope to continue on with my study's and complete my RICS qualification to become a Chartered Quantity Surveyor. The two final years of my degree will help me on this pathway.

Being on the apprenticeship scheme has given me years of experience in comparison to graduates on a full-time course. This experience gives me a head start in my career after graduation

