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BUILDING CONTROL APPRENTICESHIP DEGREE

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## WHY DID YOU DO AN APPRENTICESHIP?

In 2017, I joined East Cambs District Council as an administration assistant for both planning and building control. My main duties were to achieve historical files and assist with administrative tasks. I was based in the Building Control office and was influenced by being part of the Building Control office environment for 2 years. In that time, I was involved in interesting conversations with colleagues talking about fascinating topics. It immediately made me interested in the technical side of the job and I wanted to learn more. I was always asking questions about what they were talking about because I was genuinely engrossed by the conversations taking place. My manager approached me to see if I wanted to pursue a career in surveying which led to me being offered a place on Wolverhampton University's first Building Control Apprenticeship Degree.

## HOW HAS STUDYING AN APPRENTICESHIP PREPARED YOU FOR THE WORLD OF WORK?

Taking part in my apprenticeship taught me valuable life skills along with on the job skills. My course taught me how to work towards deadlines with assignments, whilst the work experience side of the apprenticeship taught me lots of valuable skills such as professionalism, people skills and communication skills. Balancing study life and work life taught me how to manage my time, which I believe is a crucial skill to learn for both working life and everyday life.

## HOW WAS THE PROCESS OF APPLYING/ STARTING AN APPRENTICESHIP?

From what I can remember, it was easy. My manager did the majority of the paperwork. I just had to show what grades I had gained in school. They wanted to see that I had passed English and Maths, which luckily, I had. But, even if I hadn't, I am sure Wolverhampton University have programs to help you gain GCSEs in these subjects prior to starting the apprenticeship program. I remember going to an induction day at the University where I was shown around the campus and got to meet our tutors and other students taking part in the course. The beginning of the course was set out nicely to 'ease you into it'. So, there is no need to be 'put off' if it has been a while since you were studying in school / university.

## WHAT LEVEL APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU STUDYING?

I took part in Wolverhampton University's 4-year Building Control Apprenticeship Degree, where ultimately, I gained a degree in the field in which I work. I studied for my apprenticeship whilst gaining the practical work experience with East Cambs District Council. I believe Apprenticeships can be the perfect balance between studying and practical learning as you are gaining technical knowledge through the course whilst learning how to perform the job required at the same time.

## DID YOU ENJOY YOUR APPRENTICESHIP?

Yes. It was challenging, but overall, it was worth it. Completing the 4-year course was satisfying and rewarding.



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