

MEET THE APPRENTICE - ELEANOR

Eleanor completed her studies in July 2020 and started a degree apprenticeship at Capgemini. We asked her to share her story.

What did you study at Sixth Form?

At Sixth form I studied A-level History, Business and English Literature and in 6:1 I did single performance studies.

Why did you want to go for an apprenticeship rather than uni?

For me I had no idea what I wanted to pursue in my future, so I wasn't happy committing to a student loan. With the support of the Careers Department and my fantastic business teacher Miss E Jones I applied to a few universities but also a few apprenticeships to explore my options. There are so many benefits of a degree apprenticeship, the pay, four years of work experience and a free degree! Once I was offered my place with Capgemini I decided it was the best option for me.

How are you finding it so far? What are the best bits, what are the worst bits?

So far I am loving it! Virtual work definitely has its challenges but my job role is exactly what I needed, I am a Business Operations Analyst which involves a great range of things so I'm definitely never bored. The best part of my job really is the people, everyone is super friendly and helpful which creates a great environment to work in. Sometimes it does get challenging working a 9-5 and then doing a degree on top, however my team is super supportive which gives me the time to complete any assignments.

What are the main differences between school and work?

Work and school definitely have their differences. So during the day I currently spend lots of my time analysing finances, but I also arrange calls and (virtual) social events to help keep people connected. So that is definitely different. When you enter a working environment you also gain lots of responsibility, you have to manage your own time and meet the expectations that are set of you. You also have to adapt to a professional atmosphere, being modest and hardworking is key!

Ambitions for the future

I can definitely see myself staying with Capgemini for a long time, they are a great company to work for and there are so many opportunities. In the future I would like to rotate into a role which involves working directly with clients and potentially do some travelling when we can. Capgemini has offices across the world so can definitely give me that opportunity.

Any advice you would give current students?

For current students explore your options! There are so many opportunities outside of just going to university do whatever feels right, and for those students who are unsure of what to do, apply for everything! You will find something you enjoy try not to overthink it.



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