

# MEET THE APPRENTICE - SAHIB

Sahib completed his studies in July 2020 and started a Brightstart Cyber security Higher Apprenticeship with professional services firm Deloitte. We asked him to share his story.

## **What did you study at Sixth Form?**

During sixth form I decided to study Maths, History and BTEC Sport. I really enjoyed these subjects as they were so different to each other which gave me more options for choosing university courses or applying for a Degree Apprenticeship.

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

I wanted to go for an apprenticeship rather than uni because it would allow me to get a university degree but also give me three years of experience working for a consultancy company. This also meant I will have a three-year head start on graduates who join Deloitte and I will be a senior consultant by the time I finish my degree. I didn't want to study all the time and an apprenticeship allows me to work full time and when I do go to uni, the modules I complete are relevant to the work I do in the workplace.

## **What are the main differences between school and work?**

The main difference between school and work is that school has a set structure and you know what you're doing every day and you have the same routine every week, whereas at work you might be on the same project but the actual jobs you complete vary throughout the week. At school you're constantly thinking about your homework and tests whereas the pressure of work ends at 5pm unless you've not completed your work!

## **Ambitions for the future**

My ambitions for the future are quite boring but I want to improve my technical skills, so I can work on more challenging tasks and jobs but I also want to do well in this year of uni.

## **Any advice you would give current students?**

My main advice would be that a degree apprenticeship might seem quite daunting and you might feel like it's a lot of work but the companies are really supportive and they understand you don't have the technical knowledge or understanding so they do a lot of training courses and sessions to ensure you understand what you'll be doing on your apprenticeship.

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