



MEET OUR APPRENTICE

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Construction

Why did you decide to do a degree apprenticeship?

I chose to do a degree apprenticeship as it offered the best of both worlds for me. I am able to work 4 days of the week whether it be on site or in the office, combined with being in University one day a week to aid the work I do makes for a good balance. One of the main benefits is obviously the ability to earn whilst you learn. I first found out about the degree apprenticeships through my now boss, he introduced me to the idea and after researching the idea figured it was a great option.

What are the benefits?

The benefits of completing a degree apprenticeship are huge, firstly the experience gained over the 5 years in the workplace and university mean that as an individual you have knowledge of how to act as a professional and calling on past experience you can solve problems, in the case of surveying if you have seen a particular building defect in a previous survey where a recent graduate has not it is much easier to write reports and comment on the defect. The vast saving in cost is another advantage and ability to earn money is a huge benefit.

A bit about your role?

I am a building surveyor and within the workplace I get up to many different activities, after being with Rider Levett Bucknall for close to 3 years there is now a huge bond of trust meaning I am trusted to complete surveys on my own, after having shadowed and surveyed in a pair for the first 2 years. I will also get involved in project management on small works, we have a great range of clients so no days are the same, one day could be surveying a residential property, the next chairing meetings with people twice my age which is surreal!

Advice to others?

Go for it! The benefits of completing a degree apprenticeship are so vast you'd be silly not to try it.



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