



# MY APPRENTICESHIP JOURNEY



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Bethany O'Neill is a management trainee at Wilmott Dixon, an independent construction and property services company, and is currently studying for her BSc (Hons) in Quantity Surveying at the University of Salford. Bethany has always had a keen interest in construction and saw the degree apprenticeship as the perfect option to kick start her construction career.

We spoke to Bethany to get her take on why she chose the degree apprenticeship route.

## / How are you finding your degree apprenticeship?

My degree apprenticeship is absolutely amazing. I love it! I really never thought I could love a job as much as I do and I feel really lucky to be working at one of the UK's leading independent construction companies whilst working towards my degree at the University of Salford at the same time.

## / What are the benefits of doing a degree apprenticeship?

With a degree apprenticeship, you really do get the best of both worlds; you are earning and learning at the same time. You get to put theory into practice from day one and the hands on experience helps with the University work too – you can really appreciate how the concepts you are taught work in the real world. The split between work and study isn't too daunting either, if you are committed and well organised and don't leave things to the last minute, you will be fine.

## / What would your advice be to others?

My advice to anyone considering doing a degree apprenticeship would be to 100% go for it! It really is life changing. It is one of the best experiences I have ever had and I truly believe it will put me in the best position in terms of employability and my future career.

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