

CASE STUDY: Apprenticeship

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BACKGROUND

I did a BTEC in business at sixth form as well as AS levels in design technology and economics, but I didn't know what I wanted to do afterwards. At school, they kept talking about going to university but I didn't want to go because there was nothing in particular that I wanted to learn. I found out about apprenticeships and decided I'd like to do a Business Administration Level 2 because I'd found my BTEC really interesting and had done well at it. I also liked the idea that I would be learning on the job rather than going straight into the workplace.

I got a two year apprenticeship with Ixion at the headquarters in Chelmsford. It involved all sorts of business administration like booking meetings and learning about how to work in a team effectively, as well as training in things like ICT. I really enjoyed the apprenticeship and found it very manageable in terms of the work and training aspects.



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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...

Since finishing my apprenticeship, I've been given a full time job at Ixion. Originally I was working on the Developing Your Enterprise project but now I'm part of a team of four people working on apprenticeships for 16 to 18 year olds. My job includes putting learners on the system and keeping track of them to make sure all our information is up to date, plus booking meetings – I do a bit of everything, really. Because it's not long since I finished my own apprenticeship, it's a great job for me because I understand how apprentices feel when they take on their first role.

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WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

I'm not sure what I'd like to do in the future, perhaps move on to a different role at Ixion. I'd just like to keep my options open for now.