



Audit Apprenticeship - Cajsa

Transcription

My name is Cajsa and I am an apprentice from the Bristol office. I started in Financial Services Audit and then I moved to Public Sector Audit, and I am currently in National Markets Audit where I am specialising.

My apprenticeship means that you study and work at the same time. The first year of the apprenticeship you study Level 3 AAT, the second year you study Level 4 AAT - same accountancy board - and after that, you begin your ACA qualification which is what you become qualified with at the end of the apprenticeship.

I chose to do an apprenticeship because I wanted to work and develop my portfolio. I thought that the work life balance of being able to study and work at the same time was a great way to develop my skills.

Typically, as an apprentice in Audit you would visit different organisations as part of a large, very diverse team. Our job is essentially to break down their financial accounts to make sure that they're showing a fair and accurate representation of the company's financial position at year end.

I travel a lot for work, that's a very standard procedure in Audit, but I love that aspect of it really; travelling to new places you meet a lot of new people, you get to interact with people from different offices that you wouldn't normally speak to which is really nice.

The office is a very diverse place, there's lots of people that you can speak to, ask for advice; there's lots of support around you. I also like the different committees that we have in place. We've got lots of things that are focused and going on at the same time which is really nice so there's always a very busy environment and when I got to KPMG everybody was talking, everybody was asking questions, everybody wanted to know where you came from, what you did, why you were there; that's kind of the main point of why I love working here.

I've certainly developed a lot of skills throughout my two years here at KPMG. I would say a lot of the time, it's been focused around technology. Alongside this, I think a lot of communication is involved; understanding how to speak to senior members of staff, how speak to other organisations when you are interacting with them.

So, I would definitely recommend looking into what kind of resources are available to you. If your school or college do any careers fairs definitely get involved.

My biggest concern about choosing where to work before was always who I was going to be working with, what the people were going to be like - and I know that I made the right choice by picking KPMG.