



# Audit Empowered Graduate Trainee - Ore

## Transcription

My name is Ore, I studied Accounting and Management at the University of Essex.

I've always been based in London. I started off in Canary Wharf, I will be here until the end of my programme.

I went for the KPMG Empowered programme because it gives you quite a good balance between work and study. You're getting a balance all through the 36 months, so it's not just the first 14 months straight studying, which could be quite demanding.

I think you need excellent management skills. You have to manage your time well and just understand that you are in this programme for the next 36 months and you've committed to it. So being committed to it and disciplined would give you the best out of the programme.

I've learned that I have to be responsible for my career progress. We have a lot of resources available to us as at the firm and I think it's important to just harness that. I do feel closely connected to the business because we have things like the mentoring programme. We have performance managers and these are not necessarily people you work [with] on a day to day basis so you get to know people within the firm and not necessarily on your programme or the engagement you work on.

What I enjoy most about being on this programme is the collaboration that we experience with having the different people in business working together so we have our partners, our directors and our graduates working together to deliver exceptional quality.

I think the biggest challenge definitely would be the busy period which is the year end period when we complete our audit. It's quite stringent, you have long hours and you have to be dedicated to the cause.

I don't think you have to have studied an accounting programme or an audit related degree to have to do well on the audit programme. I think you have to just be dedicated, you have to be resilient and open to trying out new things.

I would say do the audit programme because it's a well-rounded programme. You get the qualification and you get exceptional work experience.