



Krupa, Audit Intensive Graduate

Transcription

Hi, my name is Krupa. I'm currently on the Intensive Graduate programme within financial services Audit. I started on the graduate programme in 2017, straight from University of Leicester, where I studied Economics. I'm currently based in the Canary Wharf office in London or more recently at home.

Audit in a nutshell, is really just inspecting a company's financial statements to ensure they are complete and correct. I would definitely say a rewarding part of the job is that you're constantly learning about new areas and the new rules that are coming into effect. So no job is ever the same. Equally, this can be challenging as Audit comes with a steep learning curve. The biggest learning for me personally has been time management and prioritising the most crucial task ahead of our deadlines. I'm a huge advocate of the Intensive programme, as it allows you to complete 14 out of the 15 exams in just over ten months, through attending college everyday. It therefore acts like an additional year of university, but with a lot more exams in one go. As you attend college classes, this enables you to create great friendships with other grads, who are also in the same position as you. It also allows you to just focus on exams and not have to juggle Audit work at the same time. I was encouraged through a financial internship I completed at uni to achieve my ACA. As this would be a parachute for my future career. The ACA opens up a huge variety of paths and is highly regarded amongst FTSE companies. The Intensive programme gives valuable skills such as the ability to keep pushing yourself as well as building resilience. However, by taking each exam as it comes, instead of writing small milestones, the months flyby. It enables you to learn about the technical aspects of accounting so you are ready to apply them in the workplace. Audit is an area that is constantly changing and becoming increasingly important. Not just from a regulatory point of view, but also for other users of financial statements. KPMG have been fantastic in reacting quickly to changes, such as during these disruptive times and ensuring that teams are well-informed on what actions to take and the work we do for the companies, we Audit remain of high-quality. This evolving way of working also encourages our interaction when not just managers but also senior leaders to. Which is great for development and learning. As I wanted to solely focus on my exams and have no other distractions, the Intensive scheme with the best route for me, plus being in a classroom with 30 other graduates for ten months, this definitely created strong friendships from all different Audit departments and not just my department. As a bonus, we also get a graduation.