

Apprenticeship case study: Lucy Christon (Finance)

"I went to Thirsk School and Sixth Form College and left after finishing my GCSEs. A lot of things attracted me to this particular apprenticeship, the main one being that it was in accountancy and there are very few opportunities in this sector.

I have recently finished my 'AAT Level 2' studies and I have now progressed onto 'AAT Level 3' at York College and I am due to complete at the end of May.

The best part of my apprenticeship is that I have gained so much from it. Not just qualifications, but I'm much more confident in myself, the work that I do and with the people I work with.

A lot of people think that an apprenticeship is the easy option, but it really isn't!! You have to put so much extra work in to your course studies and it's not easy to balance that with going to work full time as well.>

I've received lots of support from my colleagues and college, and it's definitely worth it in the end. I think that an apprenticeship is a great way to get the qualifications you need, as you also gain valuable experience and earn money at the same time. They open up so many opportunities for you.

Also, as Apprenticeships are the equivalent to A-levels, progressing on to Higher Education can still be an option."