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A word from Anna Morrison CBE...

I am the founder and director of a forward-thinking company called Amazing Apprenticeships. I have been working in the education sector for the past 22 years and in this time, I have had the pleasure of meeting thousands of strong, confident and amazing apprentices from across England and indeed across the rest of the world. Many of the apprentices I meet are female and are doing incredible things in their job roles, which isn't always realised or celebrated publicly.

When I was growing up, it was hugely important to me that I was surrounded by inspirational female role models in my family. They showed me that anything is possible, that as a female there are no limits to your abilities and that if you work hard, you can have a career that you love. I now have a daughter and I hope that I can instil in her, and in other females, the same kind of hope and aspiration for the future that I was lucky enough to be influenced by.



Through this brilliant resource, we want to introduce individuals across the world to some amazing female apprentices, and to inspire them to find out more about the wide and exciting range of job roles available.

I hope you enjoy reading about their stories.

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Esther O

AUDITOR



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Audit (Higher) Apprenticeship Programme

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

My role is to assist with audits within the National Markets sector. As this is an external facing role, I work directly with businesses, often based at their offices. Some of the typical tasks I may complete are: reviewing the accuracy of reports used for audit work, analysing data, examining supporting business documentation and gaining evidence of how a company completes their accounting processes.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

The most exciting project I have worked on to date was the audit of a nuclear waste disposal company. It was extremely interesting to see how such companies generate revenue from their projects and the important role women play, even in sectors that may be considered as stereotypically male dominated.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

My proudest moment was being able to explain to both younger and older family members the confidence, self-improvement and skills I had already gained within the few short months since starting my apprenticeship.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

MALALA YOUSAFZAI She reminds us all of the importance of education and the great opportunities it can provide.



Helen Connell

BUSINESS ANALYST



BENTLEY



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

IS Business Analyst, Level 4 (Higher)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

My role is to help with the process flows of the company to help guide the business to improve systems and process maps. In a typical working day my tasks vary, as no day is the same at Bentley. I'm constantly involved in a variety of projects that affect the business in different ways, showing that Bentley encourage me to develop my skills on a daily basis.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

I would say that the most exciting project I have worked on so far is my placement in the sales and marketing team. I have been helping them with the processes of how they get legal approval for engaging customers in more specific ways. This has involved completing formal governance documents and mapping the process involved in improving customer insights.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

I would say that my proudest moment since starting was getting the opportunity to go to London to attend an apprenticeship networking event to represent Bentley, in which there was a tour of the Houses of Parliament. I was proud of this as I was chosen alongside another apprentice due to our support for others and willingness to help.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

MALALA YOUSAFZAI I think she is inspiring as she is an activist for girl's education, who stuck up for herself and others and therefore is a strong and positive role model.

**"DON'T BE AFRAID TO FAIL, MAKE YOUR VOICE BE
HEARD AND SPEAK WITH CONFIDENCE. ."**

HELEN CONNELL



Bridie Lavender

CHEF (HEAD CHEF)



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Senior Chef Food Production, Level 3 (Advanced)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

My job role is to lead the team within my kitchen and to delegate tasks and provide support and guidance for my team. My job role also entails line checks and stock counts, submitting and accepting food orders via the back office and to correspond to any email enquiries. On top of this, I run our pubs' social media page via Facebook to promote the business.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

In the business project, I got to choose my own idea to implement within my business. I chose the subject of tackling environmental issues within the hospitality industry and it was an amazing feeling to be able to get creative with my ideas. It allowed me to talk about something which I felt deeply passionate about and I also got to further these ideas and my own knowledge when attending in-house courses for my Head Chef development.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

Attending the Hospitality Showcase Event in London at the House of Commons. This opportunity was amazing for me and it gave me such a high sense of achievement being able to represent Marston's and having the effort and dedication I have put into work and having my apprenticeship recognised.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

SANDRA BULLOCK Not only is she an advocate for changing the image portrayed of women, but she also holds strong beliefs in tackling things such as ageism.

6 "BE THE CHANGE THAT YOU WANT TO BE. BELIEVE IN YOURSELF, YOU CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING THAT YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO."

BRIDIE LAVENDER



Wendy Wasels

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Operations / Departmental Manager, Level 5 (Higher)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

My job role is to initiate, scope and manage a variety of projects. This involves working with teams across the RSPCA to help to find ways of better delivering on our animal welfare objectives. The work is hugely varied and involves quickly gaining understanding of new work areas, from Income Generation to HR, building relationships and decision-making.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

So far, the most exciting project I worked on was the wildlife casualty volunteer project, where I designed and implemented a programme to recruit and train volunteers to support our Inspectorate with the collection and transportation of injured birds and small mammals to wildlife centres and vets.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

My proudest moment since starting my apprenticeship has been putting my learning into practice and helping to support and coach fellow apprentices. I am also proud to say I now have an apprentice of my own.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

DAME JUDY DENCH She has inspired me to believe that the role doesn't matter, only the performance. Give your best, however small the part you have to play. You may be the vital link in the chain.

**"DON'T WASTE TIME AND ENERGY FOCUSING ON NEGATIVES.
REFLECT ON THE LEARNING AND THEN MOVE FORWARD."**

WENDY WASELS



Liberty Frankland

ENGINEER



YOUR LONDON AIRPORT
Gatwick

WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Engineering Manufacturing Technician, Level 4 (Higher)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

Each day is different in my job. As an apprentice engineer, I get to work in all of the engineering departments and work all over Gatwick. The day to day running depends on where I am working. Daily tasks can include changing a light fitting on the runway, fixing heating/air conditioning, working on XRAY's, pond inspections, projects and shuttle work.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

I get involved with a lot of STEM events, including being featured on live broadcasts about engineering and apprenticeships to schools across the nation answering students' questions. I am currently working on a Primary school engineering event where we go into schools and help children to build either cardboard box cars or motorised wooden cars, depending on their age.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

I have many moments when I stop and think, 'I did that!'. I'm proud of how much I have managed to learn over the three years, and the confidence I now have when I work. In many of the departments I move to, I start off with no knowledge at all about the job role. By the time I move on, I am more confident about the job and all of the tasks involved.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

MY MUM pushed me to stay strong and to fight for what I want no matter what and that there is always a way to get there if you're willing to work for it.

**S "DON'T LET ANYTHING GET IN YOUR WAY. NEVER GIVE UP,
KEEP TRYING AND YOU'LL GET THERE."
LIBERTY FRANKLAND**



Chantelle Koutsou

FIREFIGHTER



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Operational Firefighter, Level 3 (Advanced)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

My job role is a Firefighter, which involves attending fire and rescue incidents, which vary from fires, car crashes, water rescues, people stuck up high or trapped underground. There are a huge range of incidents we may attend which means you never know what the day has in store for you. Because there is no 'typical day' in the Fire Service, it makes each shift exciting and unexpected.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

Attending the NEC World Skills show. This involved speaking to young children/adults about the Fire Service, why they should join and the role itself, which involved going on stage as well as having our own stall. I absolutely love telling women/girls that they can do this job and the surprise on their faces when they realise I'm a firefighter.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

When I completed our drill ground assessment, which involves carrying a number of fire service equipment all in a time of under 11 minutes 11 seconds, which uses a mixture of strength and cardio. I was the first female in the service to complete this test within the allocated time. This made me feel very honoured and gave me a feeling of accomplishment.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

MY MUM She is such a strong person who deals and overcomes any issue thrown her way. She has always supported my dream to become a Firefighter ever since I was a young girl.

**"GIRLS CAN DO ANYTHING, INCLUDING BEING A HERO,
DON'T LET ANYONE TELL YOU OTHERWISE."**

CHANTELLE KOUTSOU



April Madden

GROUP MANAGER



HOTELS MANAGEMENT LTD



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Hospitality Manager, Level 4 (Higher)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

My job role is to support the Meeting & Events Manager and help run her department in her absence. I start my day at 6am, where the Night Team Manager briefs me on anything I need to know and the duties for the morning then get handed over to me. I spend the majority of the week looking after conferences. If there are no events on, I spend my time setting up for any of the week's future events, all whilst supporting the restaurant.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

This is a hard question to answer as I think I get to work on exciting projects every weekend when I host weddings. We normally have a wedding each Friday and Saturday and I just love the thrill of it. It is a lot of pressure to be a part of someone's special day and to have that amount of responsibility from a stranger is nerve racking at times, but also so rewarding.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

My proudest moment since starting my apprenticeship has been showing the people who doubted the system that it works and it can make a person strong and successful. Not only have I grown my knowledge, but I have also grown as a person professionally and socially.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

HELENA MORRISSEY She was a female Executive and former CEO who established the 30% Club, which is a campaign for greater female representation on company boards.

10 "IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN DO IT, DO IT. DON'T LISTEN TO PEOPLE DOUBTING YOU OR TELLING YOU THAT YOU WON'T SUCCEED."

APRIL MADDEN



Carleen Gomez

HR ADVISER

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WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

HR Support, Level 3 (Advanced)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

My job role can vary, from being a point of contact of any staff issues to staff engagement and relations, which is really important. I also help to create internal HR systems. In my role, I ensure the business is compliant with any legal or policy changes and implement them within the business, as well as support staff recruitment and learning and development to ensure that we attract and keep the best talent for our organisation.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

Since starting my apprenticeship, I have been lucky enough to attend BBC, World Skills Show, The House of Commons and other events within the UK. I have also been able to network with other HR professionals to discuss ideas and learn about their problem-solving approaches and strategies, which I can then take back to the business.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

My proudest moment is becoming a mentor for other apprentices within the business. Watching our team members pass exams and presentations when I have supported their growth and development has been really lovely.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

PRINCESS DIANA For dedicating her life to charity work. Diana was a huge inspiration when I was a little girl and a reason as to why I always take part in charity work in my spare time. I remember seeing her on the news and reading about her in the newspapers.

**“BE CURIOUS, BE CONFIDENT AND ALWAYS BE ADAPTABLE.
LEARN TO TAKE OPPORTUNITIES WHEN THEY ARISE.”**

CARLEEN GOMEZ



Anisa Miah

INSIGHTS PROFESSIONAL

BT



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Leadership & Management, Level 5 (Higher)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

Having completed my apprenticeship at the BBC, I now work at BT within the Entertainment Insight team where I assist on delivering insight projects, as well as regularly producing and presenting TV ratings analysis to stakeholders at BT Sport to better inform our decision making.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

Whilst I was at the BBC, I was able to organise my own work shadowing with the BBC Sport team in Salford. I visited on a Saturday and got involved in helping the team with their live Premier League website reporting. As a football fan, this was definitely one of the most exciting days I had during my time there!

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

Whilst I was in the BBC TV Audience Research team for Comedy & Entertainment/BBC Three, I was able to create a full report about a BBC Three show called Clique. This was sent out to senior stakeholders with my name at the front as the sole author - a super proud moment for me as I was then just 20 years old!

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

KATY NEILSON As my manager in my first apprenticeship, she helped me to have one of the best experiences of my life, showed me that being an apprentice was definitely the right thing for me and pushed me to be the best version of myself by supporting me.



Maddy Morrison

**JOURNALIST/SPORTS
JOURNALIST**

sky sports news



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Journalist / Sports Journalist, Level 3 (Advanced)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

As a gallery co-producer at Sky Sports News, my role is to create what viewers watch at home on TV. I work on some of the biggest news stories of the day, whilst having to make split second editorial decisions and reacting to breaking news. It's most rewarding thinking of creative ways to tell every story, whether that's through animation, quirky picture or social media.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

Deadline Day is arguably the biggest day for Sky Sports News. The adrenaline buzz felt throughout the day is incredible with high profile guests, breaking news and cameras all over the place, so you have to be careful where you walk! In the lead up to the deadline, I was asked to be a producer on two new football transfer shows.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

I was named London's Advanced Apprentice of the Year 2019. I also produced a story about Chelsea FC's academy where I covered the story of a girl from London who'd been beaten up for playing football. Despite that, she'd made it into the academy and her story aired throughout the day on Sky Sports News.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

EMMA PATON I admire her versatility and determination to work her way up to become a presenter, all while remaining down to earth. Since day one of stepping into the newsroom, Emma has been a great role model to look up to.

"PURSUE YOUR PASSION. THINK CREATIVELY. DREAM BIG."

MADDY MORRISON



Jessie Gillham

K9 CARER



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Animal Care and Welfare Assistant, Level 2 (Intermediate)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

My main objective is to ensure the wellbeing of the dogs. On a daily basis, this includes exercise in a way that is best for each dog, enrichment opportunities and mental challenge. Day to day cleaning for infection control purposes is also very important.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

I only started my apprenticeship a month ago, so I am currently learning new tasks on a daily basis and encountering new situations, which is really exciting.

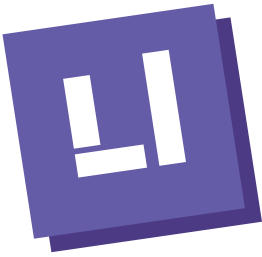
WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

Misty came in from a home and initially found it difficult to settle into kennel life. I have picked up on this and incorporated scent work into her enrichment activity, which has helped her to feel more relaxed whilst she waits for her new home.



WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

MY MUM I go to my mum as she has taught me that whatever makes me happy, and is my passion, is what I should be doing day to day. She has encouraged and helped me to get there.



Henna Basharat

LAB TECHNICIAN

Specsavers



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Spectacle Maker, Level 3 (Advanced)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

My job role is to help with the production and manufacture of spectacles, to carry out the quality control process and to ensure lenses are ordered through the system correctly. Some tasks during a typical working day include blocking, glazing and final checking spectacles, sorting the lens delivery and contacting any patients whose spectacles are delayed.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

The most exciting project I have worked on during my apprenticeship would have to be planning and organising a series of school visits with one of the store directors to encourage more children to enter STEM based careers. It was also lovely to be able to give a speech at my old secondary school about my experience as an apprentice.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

One of my proudest moments since starting my apprenticeship would be making it on to the Modern Muse Youth Board as a female empowerment ambassador, or perhaps making it into the apprenticeship handbook!

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

AMELIA EARHART Her success and determination during what was a very male dominated society is something that inspires me to keep persevering in my career!

**"REMEMBER YOU'RE NOT IN IT TO TAKE PART,
YOU'RE IN IT TO TAKE OVER!!"
HENNA BASHARAT**



Hayley Spencer

MARINE ENGINEER



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Marine Engineering, Level 6 (Degree)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

Currently I am a grade 7 engineer, section lead and I'm also a first aider. My general day to day tasks are: Meetings with my team and assisting with any issues they might have. Ensuring I'm available as a first aider if needed. Building the yachts' engine room, which includes running in the boat's electrical and water services, installing the engines and testing the equipment at the end of the build.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

At this point, the most exciting project I've worked on would be the building of the new X95 Princess Yacht. It was my first time working on a development boat and having the opportunity to work on a project that is completely new to the company. It was exciting to watch the project grow and know you've been a part of it.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

Finishing my level 3 apprenticeship in Marine Engineering. After this I got the opportunity to take part in the Queens Silver Medal Award. I was also proud to be accepted to continue my learning and do a level 4 apprenticeship, including a HNC. I'm proud of the progress I've made since starting my career.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

QUEEN ELIZABETH II She inspired me during her speech at the Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering Awards Ceremony in 2013. "At its heart engineering is about using science to find creative solutions. It's a noble profession"



Karolina Bielinska

NURSING ASSOCIATE



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Nursing Associate, Level 5 (Higher)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

Nursing Associate is a new role for the NHS. I look after patients exactly as a Registered Nurse would do. I am allocated patients to work with and I will issue their morning medications, take their vital observations, work with doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and other members of the multi-disciplinary team to ensure they get the care and treatment that they need. The only thing I don't do is IV fluids and controlled drugs, as this is for Registered Nurses only.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

We are the first group of Nursing Associates in the hospital. I made a 45 page guidance booklet to support apprentices who were new in their role. My line manager really loved it so I worked with a Nurse to add more information in and it is now used as a best practice refresher guide for Registered Nurses and all new staff.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

I started working in hospital because of nurses looking after my mum. Now, I can say that nurses I work with enrich me as a person and as a nursing associate. Their patience and humbleness and care to those under their care is a never-ending inspiration. I hope that in the future I will progress my nursing career and will be able to support and mentor future generations of nursing associates and nurses on their path. I also hope that one day I inspire someone, as I was inspired.

**"NURSING IS A CAREER FOR EVERYONE.
IT BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN PEOPLE!"
KAROLINA BIELINSKA**



Jacinta Statham

OPERATIONS MANAGER

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WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Team Leader/Supervisor, Level 3 (Advanced)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

My job role is to oversee all the functions in the hotel and I report into the General Manager. The job includes team management, maintaining guest satisfaction, managing payroll, dealing with enquiries, dealing with complaints and managing the running of the hotel through the head of departments.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

The most exciting project was our hotel transition project in London. Jurys Inn and Leonardo Hotels bought four central London hotels and these had to transition into our company within a short space of time. I was part of the transition team that went to the new hotels to support the team members.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

My proudest moment since starting my apprenticeship has been my promotion to Operations Manager. I have been completing my apprenticeship as part of an Internal management development programme – The Accelerate Programme. This programme is designed to make us Operations Managers and then Deputy Hotel Managers.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

MY GRANDMA She is classed as an 'old lady' at age 80, but this does not hold her back! When she had a baby with a hearing impairment, she secured a teaching assistant role for deaf children and completed a psychology degree later in life. She is a pillar of her local community, treats everyone well and is very open minded which really does help keep her young at heart.

18 "SEE THE PERSON YOU WANT TO BE – WORK HARD
AND DO NOT LET OTHERS HOLD YOU BACK!"
JACINTA STATHAM



Kodi Gledhill

PROJECT ENGINEER



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Food & Supply Chain Manufacturing Management, Level 6 (Degree)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

My role as a project engineer is to plan and install new machinery which we use on site. This can be anything from conveyors to packaging machines and palletisers. In order to do this, we work with multiple companies and internal departments to ensure we are all aligned to achieve the common goal of completing the project on time.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

The 'Shrink to Board' project, which allows us to change the packs we wrap in plastic packaging to cardboard, helping us to be a more sustainable and environmentally friendly company. This is a great project to work on as you are really making a difference when it comes to the Global 17 SDG's (Sustainable Development Goals.)

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

Receiving the 'Graduate of the Year Award 2019'. This was the pinnacle of my apprenticeship as it showed that all the hard work and commitment I had put into the 4 years of my engineering apprenticeship had paid off. It can be difficult juggling a full-time role and education, but when you put the time and effort in, it is rewarded.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

PINK Has experienced scrutiny from many people but still managed to overcome this. Working in an engineering environment, that is predominantly male, can be difficult, I use PINK as a role model to say that even though you go through difficult times, if you are committed, you can achieve great things.

"STRIVE FOR SOMETHING MORE THAN WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU AND GIVE IT YOUR ALL."

KODI GLEDHILL



Cara Bullock

QUANTITY SURVEYOR



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Construction Quantity Surveyor, Level 6 (Degree)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

My job role looks at the commercial aspect of infrastructure (roads, rail and airports) projects. I look at what's being spent and where and how we can save clients' money. Some of my tasks include producing payment certificates, reviewing costs, working on excel and, as an apprentice, I attend a number of training sessions to improve my knowledge and skills. I also get the opportunity to go on site visits and see the current progress of projects.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

I work for Turner & Townsend within Highways England on the Regional Improvement programme, which consists of working on seven different roads to provide improvements to infrastructure across the UK.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

My proudest moment since starting is starting in itself. It felt like a reward for all the hard work I put in to ensuring I got the right grades and skills to be offered the position, especially seeing as construction is a male dominated profession, I feel as though I'm part of a changing movement within the industry as females are more readily recognised for their skills within construction.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

MY MUM She's shown to me the value of strength, courage and hard work and for that, I'll always be grateful.



Jheshalaya Naidoo

ROAD ENGINEER



Hertfordshire



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Civil Engineer, Level 3 (Advanced)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

My job role is to support and assist colleagues to monitor works from the Local Maintenance Delivery Team [LRM] under construction. I currently assist the LRM in the delivery of yearly schemes, as well as assist with maps and section maps. I have been fortunate enough to visit different sites in order to see different treatment types, whilst being able to speak to the various members of the construction team (contractors), which has given me valuable insight into the demands of the job.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

My proudest moment since starting my apprenticeship has been the support that I received from the department when I decided to run a charitable artisan cookie sale during the Australian Bush Fires. This reinforced the level of camaraderie and good support network of the entire department in helping me to raise money for a worthy cause. I am looking forward to working on engineering projects with the Engineers as I progress in my apprenticeship. As a female, there is something empowering about being in a job that has been previously male dominated and I am proud that I am a part of history in that way.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

MY MOTHER Who was a former political activist and eternal game-changer. My mother has always been a positive role model in my life. She has taught me the value of having integrity, staying true to one's self and never being afraid to stand up for what you believe in. This is incredibly important, especially in a world that is constantly trying to box you into a version of a human that society dictates you be.



Samantha Ross

SOLICITOR



Bevan Brittan

WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Solicitor, Level 7, (Degree)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

I currently work within the Clinical Negligence department at my firm. My day-to-day role consists of supporting Fee Earners with handling claims from start to finish. I have had the opportunity to work with high profile clients, manage a live caseload, liaise with Doctors and medical experts and even assisted with a trial win. I have now progressed to managing a small number of my own pre-action cases with limited supervision.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

The highlight so far would be assisting my supervisor with preparing and attending a trial on one of her cases. This was my first experience of attending a trial, which lasted 3 days, and it was an incredible feeling listening to the Judgement that was handed down in favour of the Defendant. This provided me with an invaluable insight.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

My proudest moment would be completing my Level 3 CILEx Paralegal Apprenticeship last year and being awarded Paralegal Apprentice of the Year, at the CILEx National Awards 2019. I was overwhelmed with pride knowing that my hard work and dedication had been recognised on a National scale.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

J.K ROWLING She is living proof that if you can overcome the hard times, you can achieve anything. I consider her an inspiration because she came from nothing.



Halimah Awan

TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATE



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WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Digital and Technology Solutions Professional, Level 6 (Degree)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

My job role is to help manage the final phase of the migration of the project. I assist all teams from development to test to implementation and finally change management. A typical working day for me consists of analysing the database and the application. However, I am also client facing, therefore, I help to manage the risks of the application and the expectations of the client.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

The most interesting project I have worked on is a migration project for a large oil firm. This is due to the fact that this project has allowed me to experience working with colleagues across a global scale. I have been able to work with people across the world and had the opportunity to travel. Furthermore, this project has allowed me to understand each phase of the Software Development Life Cycle, not just the development area.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

My proudest moment since starting the apprenticeship was in 2019 when I won the Apprentice Tech Prodigy Award. This gave me a large confidence boost and has made me feel more empowered as a woman in technology.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

ILHAN OMAR she has helped to pave the way in US government for both women and minorities. She has voiced what is fair and does not tolerate injustice.

"ALWAYS PUSH YOURSELF TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU, WHEN YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS, PUSH YOURSELF TO DO YOUR BEST." 23
HALIMAH AWAN



Hollie Boxall

**UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS
TECHNICIAN AND PROJECT
COORDINATOR**



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Unified Communications Technician, Level 3 (Advanced)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

My job role is to manage and help with IT and telephony projects, including liaising with clients to organise the logistics of the project and also building the systems for them. My day to day tasks can vary, but the two main parts of my job are being part of the service team supporting existing customers with their queries and also managing projects with new customers and making sure they get the best service from start to finish.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

I am currently involved in the build of a telephony system for a prestigious golf club. This has been a really exciting project for me as I have had the opportunity to watch the whole process develop from the first stages of understanding the clients' needs all the way to the coding and implementation of the build.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

Probably attending a partner engagement day in London. I was invited to come and see all of the latest technological developments in hosted and telephony services. I was the only apprentice and one of few women in the room and I was very proud to see myself holding my own in a new and exciting environment.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

HEDY LAMARR She had an amazing work ethic, from being a Hollywood Actress to pursuing her passion for science and going on to be a prominent figure in technological advancements.



Michaela Miller

VETERINARY NURSE

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WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Veterinary Nurse, Level 3 (Advanced)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

In a typical day, I will set up for operations, including preparing the operating theatre and drugs for administration. I will prepare the animals (cats, dogs and small animals) for theatre. I support the pets with their welfare needs before, during and after procedures, supporting them while in recovery. Providing consultations to pet owners and of course there is cleaning to be done, everyone in the practice gets stuck in.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

I would say the most exciting procedure I was able to scrub in for is a TECA (total ear canal ablation). This is an operation to remove the ear canal. I held the ear canal up while the veterinary surgeon cut around it. This is a particularly tricky operation as there are important facial nerves in close proximity to the ear canal.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

I've had many! I'm getting catheters in first time 9 times out of 10 occasions. I'm also smashing my college targets. Taking part in theatre procedures and learning from them makes me proud.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

MICHELLE KEEGAN She inspires me as she is someone who is successful in her career and has done so well for herself. She is the type of woman who isn't afraid to go after what she wants. She's also from my hometown of Stockport.

"TRY AND BE ORGANISED BEFORE YOU START, ALWAYS BE AHEAD 25 WITH YOUR COLLEGE WORK, AND SACRIFICE THE PARTIES!"
MICHAELA MILLER



Michalea Whittingham

WORKFLOW MANAGER



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Chartered Manager, Level 6 (Degree)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

My role at TUI is of a senior leadership level, structured within the Content team of the Sales and Marketing function. The Content team produces all customer-facing creative design, photography, video and editorial. I've worked at TUI for 9 years across various roles within this function. The areas I am responsible for include: work traffic management; budget management; project management; brochure production; distribution; employee engagement; technical server support; digital solutions; strategizing new requirements.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

Firstly, Implementing brochure evolution strategy. The goal has been to better serve our customers' expectations based on insight of how brochures are used and valued by our customers and retail colleagues. Secondly, traffic management. My responsibility is to test and implement a management solution to track and prioritise all work.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

My proudest moment since starting on my apprenticeship has been the development of my direct reports and team to take on more responsibility. They have expanded their skills, and improved their confidence. I'm so proud of their progress and have been thrilled to coach and mentor them.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

INDRA NOOYI Her drive, dedication and passion to publically challenge gender industry norms is inspiring.

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Lucy Lavender

YEAR 1 COMMERCIAL
APPRENTICE



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Chartered Manager, Level 6 (Degree)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

I currently am working within the category and insights team at Hovis. My daily tasks involve multiple project work in relation to consumer habits to help the marketing team develop business growth initiatives. As well as this, I also spend a lot of time immersing myself in what is happening in the in-store environment, carrying out multiple store bakery audits to gain an insight into what's happening in the market.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

So far, my role of presenting in-store promotional activity monthly to the sales team has to be my most exciting task I have completed! Updating them on in-store activities helps the team gain a good insight of the bread and bakery market.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

Presenting to the sales team! Although it was challenging, it was rewarding for myself to know that I had presented information to the team which was going to help them in the future and better their understanding of activities and trends arising in the market and drive business performance.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

KATE WRIGHT Fighting challenges not only with herself, but with the opinions of many others when entering a family who were grieving. Her battle to learn to love herself through exercise, and even going to the gym on her wedding day!

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AND NOBODY ELSE! IF IT'S MEANT TO BE IT WILL ALWAYS BE."

LUCY LAVENDER



Chloe Riley

ZOO KEEPER



WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Animal Care, Level 2 (Intermediate)

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

I spend a lot of time cleaning animal enclosures, preparing food and feeding the animals, as well as communicating with the public.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

I have been part of a team hand rearing a baby camel, who never started feeding from her mother. We bottle feed her everyday and it's been really exciting watching her grow and being able to get close to her.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT WITH YOUR COMPANY?

My proudest moment was my appraisal. Being told by my managers that I am excelling really made me feel like I have shown how hard I can work and how much I enjoy what I'm doing.

WHICH FEMALE HAS INSPIRED YOU AND WHY?

SERENA WILLIAMS I look up to the tennis player, Serena Williams. She shows so much determination and persistence and gives everything in whatever she does. She proves women are capable of doing anything they want in life with hard work.

**"BE PREPARED FOR THE MOST AMAZING TIME OF YOUR LIFE,
BUT ALSO SOME OF THE HARDEST WORK."
CHLOE RILEY**

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