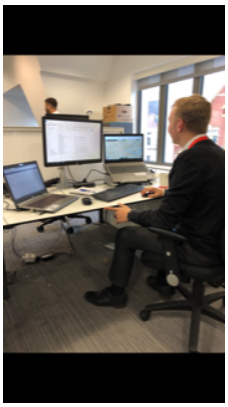
APPRENTICE PROFILE



George

Business Admin Apprentice
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Why did you decide to apply for an Apprenticeship?

For me, the benefits of an apprenticeship are huge. What really put me off University was the debt I would end up with and, having done GCSE's and A Level's, I didn't want to continue studying full time.

This is where an apprenticeships really appealed to me - I can gain qualifications alongside my role at WSP. I am currently looking at going on to complete a degree apprenticeship, and gain more vital experience. After my studies are completed, I will have a Level 3 Business Admin qualification and a degree plus 7 year's experience working in an internationally reknowned company.

What were your first weeks at WSP like?

Before I started, I (of course) was nervous! WSP was going to be my first proper job, other than working at my local supermarket. I had chosen WSP over university so with my mates heading off to different parts of the country I was questioning if I had made the right choice. After my first week at work, I knew I had chosen correctly by joining WSP. Everyone in my team was incredibly welcoming which allowed me to settle in well and the nerves of starting work disappeared quickly. Since the New Year I have been working on HS2 project dealing primarily with sending out survey notices and conducting site visits on the planned route.

What do you like best about your apprenticeship?

The team socials are good fun, a great way to relaxed at the end of the week. I really enjoy the projects I am working on, our projects involve working together as a team which is always fun, even when we are really busy! I work in a close-knit team which allows for us to joke and have a laugh whilst getting on with work.
Life outside of work is great as well. As I am being paid whilst getting my qualifications, it means that when my mates get back from University at Christmas money isn't an issue - it beats student loan debt for me!

What are you looking forward to moving forward?

I'm currently looking at Project Management based Degree Apprenticeships to study whilst training as a Land Consultant. This is something that I think will really help my future career and opportunities at WSP.

I am also looking forward to being able to use High Speed 2 once it's completed. Having been able to work on the project and knowing the route it takes, I look forward to it being complete so I can be proud of my part in it.