

Kara Fabre – Finance Apprentice



Why you chose an apprenticeship, and why you chose JDR?

I decided to choose an apprenticeship because I liked the idea of gaining work experience within the Finance department while still learning and working towards my qualification. I felt that I would benefit more from being able to carry out task physically as I can relate what I am learning on my college course to real life tasks within the workplace.

I felt that JDR were the suited employer because their apprenticeship matched my future career goals. I wanted to gain experience in the different areas of Finance, to achieve a wider understanding of what the different career paths are in Finance.

Benefits to you and your career?

The apprenticeship programme has benefited me as I am gaining workplace experience within Finance, while also achieving a qualification which will help me progress in my career. It has also benefited me by helping me build on my soft skills, such as Team work, Communication and Problem solving.

Summary of your day as an apprentice at JDR and your rotation/career path so far?

My rotation so far started in Purchase ledger for 3 months, a day as an apprentice in Purchase Ledger Control will involve processing Invoices from our suppliers for payment, communicating with our suppliers and checking statements from suppliers against our records. Then I went on to spend time with Credit Control where I learnt how to Post payment to G/L Accounts, Reconciliations, Invoice tracking and Creation of Customer accounts. I have also spent a few months with one of JDR's cost Accountant on Project cost reports, I learnt how they are carried out every month. I have also spent time shadowing Payroll to learn about the process.

Future career path within JDR?

Once I have completed my level 3 AAT qualification, I would like to progress within my career in JDR working toward the level 4 qualification. I hope in the next 5 years to be in a Management accountant or Cost accounting role within JDR.

Why you would recommend an apprenticeship at JDR?

I would recommend an apprenticeship at JDR because they are a great opportunity to grow within your career, they offer great support throughout the apprenticeship.