

“I joined Edmund Carr in August 2008 after completing my A level qualifications earlier that year. I decided to choose accountancy as a career because I always did fairly well with business studies at school and knew I wanted to work in the financial sector.

I knew from early on in secondary school that a full time University course would not be for me, and Edmund Carr offered me the option to take on a part-time training contract. This involved working in the office 4 days a week and the other day was spent at Anglia Ruskin University studying towards the ACCA (The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) qualification.

When I joined Edmund Carr in August 2008, I had only a very basic knowledge of accountancy as a profession, due to having no previous experience in such an environment. One of the more senior members of the audit and accounts department was allocated the job of teaching me the basics and ensuring I had all the knowledge required to carry out my job role. Once I began studying towards the AAT qualification (and subsequently ACCA), my knowledge on accountancy has developed further and enabled me to train new recruits.

As part of my job role, I am involved in visiting clients’ offices to complete audits and communicating with clients on a regular basis, which I feel has significantly improved my confidence levels. As well as auditing, I am also involved in preparing tax returns for individuals and accounts for Sole Traders, Partnerships and Small Limited Companies. My specialist area is academies, which due to being a fairly new area of audit, has meant I have need to attend courses and training to improve my knowledge.

I expected working and learning at the same time to be extremely difficult, but the work we carry out on a daily basis at Edmund Carr enabled me to put my learning into practice. I was also given study leave to ensure that I had enough time to prepare for each exam. Sacrifices did have to be made on the lead up to the exam period, but I feel that in the long run it was worthwhile to make such sacrifices as I am now a qualified member of the ACCA.”

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