

I joined Edmund Carr in August 2013 after graduating from the University of Sheffield with a 2.1 BA Hons degree in Economics. Prior to this, I completed A Levels in Maths, Economics and Product Design at Chelmsford County High School.

Since joining Edmund Carr, I have had to grasp a lot of new information in a short space of time. However, all the staff have been really supportive of my professional development and it is great to be able to learn something new every day.

I am currently studying towards the ACA qualification, attending Kaplan College in London on block release study. Kaplan have experienced tutors who deliver excellent tuition and provide useful resources, such as comprehensive study manuals, online material and question books, all tailored to the ICAEW syllabus. The course is very intensive and there is a lot to take in, but Edmund Carr have been extremely helpful and offered encouragement. Furthermore, it is really interesting to see how the ideas and concepts I learn are applied practically in day-to-day work in the office.

The work in the office is varied, and I enjoy working on clients' accounts from start to finish, as opposed to concentrating on only one section. Our diverse range of clients also provides a good insight into how different industries operate.

Edmund Carr also ensures that when possible jobs fit my experience and interests. I founded the University of Sheffield's Barnardo's Society and have since been given the opportunity to work on charity sector accounts. I have performed audits and independent examinations for charities and have attended two specialist courses in order to further my knowledge.

There is a great atmosphere in the office, as my colleagues are supportive and friendly. I have enjoyed being able to get involved with charity bake sales, the Great Baddow Fun Run which Edmund Carr sponsor and social events such as the Staff Christmas Dinner. Overall, Edmund Carr is a great firm to work for on both a professional and social level.

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