

I joined Edmund Carr in December 2022 after completing my AAT studies. I have five years' experience in accountancy which involved preparing VAT returns, bookkeeping and the preparation of accounts for clients. I also now have one years' experience within audit since joining the firm. I am currently working towards my ACCA qualification which is part of my 4 years apprenticeship with the firm. The apprenticeship allows for a good balance between theory and practical experience. It has helped me develop skills such as teamwork and leadership. Whilst studying under the apprenticeship, I have found that there has been a lot of support both from the college and Edmund Carr with regards to both my studies and my working life. This has allowed me to progress further in my career and better myself in terms of my working ability.

During the apprenticeship you attend a college where you are taught the subject matter and then Edmund Carr allows trainees to take 2 days off before each exam. This gives you more than enough time to prepare and revise for the exams. As I have chosen to complete ACCA, I attend college for one or two days a week within around a three-to-five-week period depending on how much material there is to cover for the exam. This is then followed by revision session which follow the same day structure as the study sessions. This structure has helped allow me to process the information I have been taught in college and apply it to the exams.

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