I joined Edmund Carr back in September 2002 as a school leaver. I studied A Levels and quickly knew that full time education was not for me.

Edmund Carr was offering a career in accountancy which offered a salary as well as sponsored training.

My first step of my accountancy qualifications was to study AAT. This is a very good way of learning the basics and with my work based experience I managed to achieve an AAT qualification 2 years later.

My next step of study was ACCA. I studied at a local University on day release and it was there that I managed to qualify 3 years after starting the course.

Throughout my 11 years at Edmund Carr the firm has exposed me to a wide variety of work. The Practice has clients in every industry which has helped me gain experience, self-confidence and knowledge that I do not feel I would have obtained from a large firm. The clients I deal with range from small subcontractors up to medium sized groups which included companies based all around the country. My audit experiences have taken me to Ireland, Guernsey and Holland. There are usually opportunities to specialise in specific areas, my area is Academies. This is a fairly new area of audit which has meant that specialised courses and training has had to be undertaken.

I now manage a portfolio of clients. My work consists of accounts, audit and tax. I also get to deal with my client's one on one on a daily basis. The work has always been varied and challenging as there is always something you need to learn.

Edmund Carr have offered me opportunities throughout my career and I have progressed from a Junior right through to my current role as a Manager. The firm has grown each year I have been there and looks like it will continue to grow in the future.

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