

I LOVE MY JOB!

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- **Where did you go to school?** Webster's High School (Scotland)
- **What path did you take to get to your current position?** School leaver programme
- **What subjects did you study?** Maths, English, History, Music
- **How many jobs have you had, and can you name them?** 3 main jobs : Team Leader at the Co-op, Business Adviser at BDO (where I started the school leaver accountancy programme), Accountant at Price Bailey.
- **What school subjects link to your career?** Maths, English
- **A typical day in your current role looks like:** Log onto the network and catch up on emails and any morning admin, such as the to-do list for the day. Then get to work on preparing client accounts or reviewing accounts that have already been prepared. There will likely be calls or emails from different clients in the day that need to be dealt with, as well as catch ups with other members of the team to make sure everything is on track and questions are answered. I will also spend some time with trainee accountants helping with their queries and making sure their training is going well.
- **What skills do you use daily, that you learnt at school?** Communication with others, co-operation in teams to complete projects, IT skills, particularly software use.
- **What is the number #1 piece of advice you've been given that helped you with your career choice?** Follow what makes you happy rather than what will make you the most money.
- **Where do you see yourself in 5 years?** In a management position in accountancy.
- **What is the average salary for this role?** £22,000 - £30,000 dependent on experience and qualification level
- **If you could have done anything differently on your career journey, what would it be?** I wouldn't – it has been full of change as I started out at university following a teaching career and then swerved off that path into accountancy. However, it taught me that you can always change your mind and you are never stuck in one place if you realise you're not happy.

Why do you love your job?

I get chance to work with a lot of clients and colleagues and that allows me to be sociable and help others, which is very rewarding.