

Being an Apprentice - Case Study 2

I became interested in becoming an apprentice during my second year of studying A-levels at Roby College but I did not want to leave college and waste two years of work so I decided to finish my A-levels and then look for apprenticeship. Once I finished my college course back in May 2011 I was determined to acquire an apprenticeship.

I spent many hours on various websites, phoning different training providers and having countless meetings in my local Connexions office. I stumbled across Liverpool Chamber Training when I was applying for apprenticeships on www.apprenticeships.org.uk. I seen many vacancies in Business Administration (which was my ideal apprenticeship) and they were mostly provided by LCT.

After I applied for one of their vacancies I was surprised how quickly I was contacted about coming in for interview. The company contacted me by email and I received a phone call from Charlotte Burkey, who very was friendly and helpful. The interview process was very well done, I was kindly greeted by Kim Young the receptionist and offered a drink and was told someone would be with me very soon. Then I was taken down to the interview but on the journey I was asked questions and made conversation which made me feel welcomed. In the interview everything was explained fully, I completed paper work and online work which I found easy enough to complete on my own and then I was taken into the interview room. I found the process to be smooth and not nerve racking at all as in previous interviews with other organisations it was been. After I had finished I was seen out the building and told I would have contact from LCT soon.

The next day the Recruitment team had an interview for me which I thought was very fast working on their behalf. I was not successful in the interview but the team phoned me as soon as they learnt this information and offered me more vacancies. In my time with the recruitment team I did on a number of interviews which I was

not successful for but the Recruitment team did not give up on me, telling me all feedback I need and any improvements they believe could help me.

To then be successful at the training provider which has helped me so much is the ideal place I love working for. The department I work in has helped me fit in so much easy due to them being friendly, helpful and kind. Always keeping me busy and trying to get the best out of me because they know it will assist me in my NVQ work and also give me more work experience. Being an apprentice gives me the best advantage in life due to the fact I work and gain experience and earn a qualification at the same time.

The only negative that comes to mind about being an apprenticeship is the pay wage. All apprentices understand that they are on a training scheme but it is hard to manage your life with little pay and it does reduce the number of events you can take part in. Saying that I would happily enough remain on my pay wage because I know that it will benefit me in the future and I am thankful that LCT have giving me this chance when many others have not. Hopefully in the next year I can prove myself as hardworking individual and I could progress my career here.