

# Endless Possibilities

Walsall Council's  
Apprenticeship Programme

## DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN APPRENTICE

### SAM PEARSON



**Apprentice Name:** Sam Pearson

**Service Area:**  
Building Control

**Directorate:**  
Economy and Environment

**Type of Apprenticeship:**  
Construction Management

**Previous Qualifications:**  
BSc Hons Geography

**What is your Job Title? Can you explain what you do on a day to day basis?** My job title is an Apprentice Building Control Officer. On a day to day basis the role can be varied, ranging from registering new applications, taking calls, replying to emails, working through the process of plan vetting, once a week I go out onsite shadowing one of my colleagues on their site inspections checking building work is being constructed correctly and to the Building Regulations.

**How did you find the Apprenticeship Programme?** I found the programme advertised on WM Jobs and applied from there. The process was really easy and efficient.

**What is the best thing about the Apprenticeship?** You get chance to put the disciplines and elements you learn at University into practice and you get the real life experience on site which makes it easier to understand and apply to the job.

**Would you recommend Apprenticeships to others?**

Yes, definitely! You get paid and supported by your employer to learn and gain recognised qualifications. As well as being able to apply theoretical and practical knowledge learnt on the job straight away.

**How does the Apprenticeship work- How do you cover the off job training element?** As part of the Apprenticeship Programme I attend lectures at Wolverhampton University one a day a week and the rest of the week I am at work. Whilst at work I get the opportunity to complete different tasks and training provided by the council which all contributes to my 20% off the job training.

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