

## Success stories

### Your name

Sarah Ward

### Your apprenticeship programme

Business & Administration Level 6

### About you

I am a fun, hardworking individual who loves challenges and being pushed outside of my comfort zone.



### Why did you choose an apprenticeship?

I chose to do an apprenticeship as I love learning and trying new things, however, did not favour the idea of applying to college/university.

I was keen to earn money whilst I learnt, to learn on the job skills, knowledge and experience!

### How has the apprenticeship enhanced your career?

Doing an apprenticeship has taught me multiple valuable skills to develop myself as a person both in and out of the workplace, whilst teaching me relevant, useful knowledge, that I have already noticed myself apply to my everyday work.

### What did your apprenticeship mean to you?

My apprenticeship was an amazing opportunity for which I am so grateful for, as it meant I got to continue my education whilst starting a new chapter in my life. I got to speak and work with so many amazing people from QA, and my assessor, Joe, made my apprenticeship even more enjoyable to do.

### What was the biggest challenge you faced and how did you overcome it?

The biggest challenge I faced was settling into a new environment and meeting so many new people in such a short space of time, however, instead of letting the anxious feelings consume me, I took it in my stride and endeavoured to get to know new people and make myself feel comfortable in my new environment.

### What advice would you give to an existing or prospective apprentice?

Work hard; you will reap the benefits of thoroughly applying yourself to every task you do. Also, never be afraid to ask for help when you need it – there really is no such thing as a silly question!