

Females of the Future: International Women's Day

Meet Elly...

What did you learn at school that you have transferred into your job?

I think the maths has taught me how to problem solve without worrying when the first solution does not work, simply to try again a different way. Also, it has taught me not to give up when something is difficult, there will be people around who are happy to help and there is no reason to keep on struggling by yourself.

Philosophy has helped with my research skills and to always try and see things from different points of view. Also, my team working and communication.

What career advice would you give your younger self?

I don't have a lot of career advice seeing as I am so early on in my own career, but I am glad so far to have focused on doing and learning about the things I enjoy. I was worried that dropping the maths at university would have a detrimental impact on my future career but ultimately it has not made much of a difference. I would also say to take every opportunity that arises and stick at it for at least three months. For me the first three months at a new job are quite stressful, it is a new place with new people but after you have allowed yourself to settle in then it suddenly makes way more sense so don't panic!



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What does your job involve?

As I am in my first year there is a lot of learning that is going on. I must do one mandatory study day a week for my apprenticeship and exam. I can shadow different people and learn more about how everything works, I also take on small projects that allow me to put what I have learnt so far into practice.

Why did you decide to do the job you are doing?

Seemed like a good opportunity after university to learn more about a career path whilst not specialising too much. I enjoy problem solving and being able to take ownership over the work I am doing. A family member suggested project management and there were lots of opportunities for graduates in that field.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy the team I am in; everyone is very keen to show me what they do and are very encouraging to me as I am learning more. I also enjoy being able to make a difference and know that the work I am doing has an impact.