

BEING AN APPRENTICE DURING COVID-19

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“ Working from home for the first few weeks was really strange, I'm a really chatty person and love all my work colleagues so not having them around has been tough. As the weeks have gone on and on it's becoming more normal and I feel like I'm having successful days with all the work I am competing and have completed. If somebody asked me what I would prefer though, It would definitely be working in my office with my work colleagues as their like an extended family to me. My Assessor is one of the most supportive, amazing, knowledgeable colleagues I've ever met. She has made virtual learning fun but has made me work for it! She's been so supportive these past few weeks and keeps pushing me and pushing me so I can achieve a grade at the end that I want & feel like I deserve with all the hard work I have put in. Virtual learning is different but it's a good way to still be able to see and have contact with Tutors.

I have finished all my knowledge questions now for the standards. They are all 100% and have been since we started working from home. I am getting ready to go through Gateway for my last final exams. I have been revising Stakeholders, Relevant Regulations, Business Fundamentals and External Factors. Last week my Tutor asked me some questions on Stakeholders and Relevant Regulations, I said I don't have a clue what you're going on about, this week I've answered every single question she's asked me correctly and that's all from the support of my amazing Tutor and the hard work of revision I've completed myself. I've also been making sure my portfolio of evidence is all correctly mapped to what it should be and in the correct order, again with the help of my Tutor.

I've loved completing my Level 3 qualification. It's been tough but enjoyable. 3 months ago I would never have stood up in front of anybody and presented a presentation, my Tutor made me do it, gave me some tips and now I love presenting my project Presentation to them. Once I have finished this Qualification, I will have a sit down with my Tutor and Manager and see what I could possibly do next. I would like in a few years to become a Tutor or to run the Traineeships.”

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