



ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH

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The quote I live by: "Hard work pays off!"

My time at St Thomas More High School suddenly came to an end in March 2020 due to COVID-19. At this moment in time, I was unsure on what I wanted to do next due to high levels of uncertainty and a lack of job offers. This eventually led me to begin my university journey in September 2020. The 4 year course I enrolled on was Accounting and Finance. It included a valuable placement in my third year where I covered a maternity leave position as a Management Accountant at the West London NHS Trust.

During my final year, I continued to work part-time for the same company as an Accounts Payable Officer. In April 2024, I successfully secured an internal full time Management Accountant position, marking a significant milestone in my professional development.

When I started working, the experience was quite daunting and a challenge. However, I soon realised that employers do not expect you to know everything right away and are there to support you. What truly matters is attitude, dedication and being willing to learn. Making an effort to build positive relationships with colleagues can significantly contribute to your success and ease your transition into the professional world.

I appreciate that school grades are important, but they do not determine your entire future. Many people find that they thrive more in a work environment, where practical skills and real-life experience play a crucial role. Success often comes from a combination of education and hands-on experience, and excelling in a professional setting can open just as many doors as academic achievements. Ultimately, I believe that true success comes from honing skills that suit you and obtaining the necessary qualifications as early as possible. This can open up countless opportunities. However, success depends on your personal goals, as everyone has different aspirations. Ultimately, you must pursue what makes you happy.

PROFILE:

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Went to university to study Accounting and Finance at the University of Hertfordshire