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Name:

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Job title:

Projects Logistics Solutions

Company:

Hemisphere Freight Services Ltd.

Pathway:

Apprenticeship

What advice would you give a young person considering an apprenticeship?

I would say 100% give it a go, then work hard, listen and learn from your colleagues because they will be able to guide you in the right direction.

Why would you encourage young people to consider a career in freight forwarding or logistics?

It is a career that is never ending and continuing to grow, there are so many different opportunities within the industry in which you can learn most of them on an apprenticeship. I honestly feel there are not many industries with such a variety of jobs i.e., export, import, project, recycling, at a port, warehouse, lorry driver... The list goes on.

How did you get into the industry?

My mum works for a charity which Hemisphere support. On their charity golf day, I was introduced to one of their directors, I then was given an opportunity for an interview. A few days after the interview, I was offered a job as an apprentice. The rest is history.

What does your current role entail on a day-to-day basis?

I work in the Projects department now where I quote special equipment and out-of-gauge cargo and control the whole shipment. This includes booking it in, organising collection, customs clearance, watching the loading take place etc. I also am very lucky because as a department we get to handle expensive super and sports cars.



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Tell us about the best parts of the job.

The best parts are getting to see the different types of projects we have on. Seeing the sports cars coming in, getting to see four-metre-high cargo being loaded, how it happens – real hands on.

What is the most interesting product that you have shipped?

I have had a couple of cars which was great but also the big storage tanks, very long and wide tanks.

What advice would you give to young people when they first get into a role?

I would say to work very hard, listen and take on advice anyone gives you. Ask lots of questions if you are unsure but also make sure you are enjoying it.

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How important is support from your colleagues?

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What is your proudest achievement?

My proudest achievement is being awarded the BIFA Apprentice of the Year in January 2020.

Finally, can you remember what you spent your first pay-check on?

I spent this on some clothes and saved a little bit as well.

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