

Starting my apprenticeship at IBC

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Job title: Events and hospitality apprentice

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Why did you choose an apprenticeship?

I always loved going to events (shows) and the atmosphere that came along with being there. I knew that working in shows was what I wanted to do so was looking at university degrees in this area. Fortunately, this apprenticeship came up and I now get paid to do what I love. Apprenticeships give you real life experience and put you into an adult environment from a young age so I think they're great.

Why did you choose to apply for an apprenticeship with IBC?

I wanted to work in shows and events and saw that the two biggest venues in Suffolk were advertising for an apprentice. IBC are a huge company as well so I knew I could trust them.

How did you find out about the vacancy for your apprenticeship?

I saw the vacancy on Indeed.com

What was the interview process like?

Terrifying as there was 4 people interviewing me but the questions were all to do with my role and I felt confident that the staff all had good knowledge in the area as well.

How did you feel about starting work with IBC, and what was it *actually* like?

I was nervous as it was a completely new environment and full time work which I had never done before but I was made to feel really welcome straight away and settled in quickly.

Describe your typical day at work and what you like most about your role?

My days at work vary massively. If there's a show on I could be prepping for it during the day, I could be sorting out staffing, doing coursework, getting the bars ready for events.

How are you finding studying for the qualification?

Coursework is going well, I have enough time to get it all done to a good standard and my new assessor is supportive with that.

What support do you receive as an apprentice?

I have loads of support around me and my colleagues are always on hand to help and to have a chat to about anything on my mind whether its work related or not.

What tips would you give to someone who's thinking of applying for an apprenticeship at Ipswich Borough Council?

Make sure you're defiantly interested in that subject as its hard work but still needs to be enjoyable. Work on people skills and communication as you will be in an adult environment.

What is one thing you didn't know about Ipswich Borough Council before you joined?

I didn't know how many different varied sectors were in the council.