

## School Leaver Programme

### Hannah Grubb - Trainee Accounts Assistant

#### Why did you choose a career in Accounts?

I've always had an interest in Maths and been good with figures. When I was at school Maths and Physics were my favourite subjects. I enjoy working with others and meeting new people and within accounts you get the chance to do this.



#### Why did you choose the opportunity to join EQ's school-leaver programme over college or university?

I knew I didn't want to go to university; I just really wanted to work and earn money. The opportunity at EQ seemed like a no-brainer! I will get the same qualification that I would have had if I had gone to university but I get paid and gain experience on the job at the same time. It also suited my learning style because I find it much easier to learn when I'm physically doing the job and putting the theory into practice rather than reading examples out of a text book. All of the staff are so supportive with my studies as well and are always happy to help whenever they can. I never feel silly asking questions when I'm stuck!

#### Why did you choose EQ Accountants?

EQ seemed like a very approachable and friendly firm. On my first day I was welcomed into the office with open arms and everyone makes a real effort to have fun whilst working hard so it makes it a really nice environment to work in.

#### What's a day in the life of a Trainee Accounts Assistant like?

No two days are the same! Being a trainee is about helping others so some days I can be supporting work for a small sole trader and the next a large corporate entity. It's great because it gives me a broad range of experience which I can draw upon for my exams and future work assignments. I also like having a wide variety as it gives you a chance to meet a lot of new people.

#### What qualifications are you studying towards?

I'm hoping to become a Chartered Accountant by the end of my studies. Just now I am working towards my CAT qualification and will hopefully move on to complete my ACCA exams within the next few years.

#### What do you enjoy most about being a Trainee Accounts Assistant at EQ?

The support network is very strong. All staff members at all levels are willing to help you no matter how little the question. There are several other trainees in the firm so it helps to have someone to talk to who is going through the same exams as you. There are also staff who have already finished their exams so their advice is always very helpful too, as everyone can relate. I also enjoy working in a team - EQ is a very modern accountancy firm, the office is a really nice environment to be in and we often participate in social events together.

#### What 3 qualities do you think a Trainee Accounts Assistant needs to have if they are to be successful?

Persistence, Reliable and a Team Player.

#### Advice for those interested in applying

You should get your application in on time and make sure you have researched the firm. We have a lot of interesting events that we hold so you should make the effort to come along and see what it's all about.