

## School Leaver Programme

### Karri Milne – Trainee Accounts Assistant

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

From a young age numbers were always one of my strong points, so I knew I wanted to do something with maths. From about second year at school accountancy has always been what I wanted to do. I then did some work experience when I was still at school in an accountants and I knew that that was the path that I wanted to take.



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

I was never overly fussed about going to university. I had looked into going to college as another possible way of becoming an accountant but I thought that the school leaver program was best suited to me.

#### Why did you choose EQ Accountants?

It was a well-established firm in my local area, so when a job was advertised in the school bulletin I knew that it would be a good opportunity and that I should apply for the job.

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

The average week usually involves preparing year end accounts, tax returns and VAT returns, along with doing smaller admin jobs such as sending out letters to clients or filing their accounts and tax returns with the appropriate authorities.

#### What qualifications are you studying towards?

I am currently in the process of sitting my CAT exams which will then lead into ACCA.

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

It's a great working environment. There is a mix of people that are all willing to help no matter what the question.

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

Be able to communicate/work as a team as most of the time you will be working with a group of people to complete a task. Good time management, as a lot of the jobs are time sensitive. Good thinking skills to try and solve client problems.

#### Advice for those interested in applying

Try and gain some work experience. Apply for jobs even if you're not 100% certain if it is what you want to do, because you never know where they will lead you. If you get the job throw yourself into the work but also get to know the people you work with. A good working relationship will make the job more enjoyable.