

Life as an apprentice

Meet Anushka, a Level 6 Analytics Degree Apprentice at Vodafone



Why did you choose the apprenticeship route?

When I was in the sixth form, I studied four subjects and worked a few part-time jobs, thinking I was destined for university. But Covid hit, and it made me re-evaluate my decision. With university moving online and the debt that came with it, it didn't seem worth it to me. I have always been quite self-motivated, so regardless of external support, I was keen to pursue something different.

How did you find your apprenticeship?

When I was at school, apprenticeships were not really encouraged or talked about much, so I found all the apprenticeships I applied for through my own research. I searched for apprenticeships on company websites on their 'careers' tab and used google to filter the best results. I would also recommend using the government Find an Apprenticeship website.

To search for apprenticeship opportunities for you, visit: [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

The benefits of an apprenticeship

I was just 18 when I started my Level 6 Data Analyst degree apprenticeship at Vodafone. My job title is Data Analyst, and I work in the London office as part of the Network Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics team. My 21st birthday is fast approaching, and I already have three years of Data Analyst experience. This can be such an overlooked achievement when researching apprenticeships. Now, I can safely say it was the best decision I have ever made for me.

What does your typical day look like?

A typical day for me starts with a few daily stand-up calls to assess the timeline of our tasks and provide any updates. Usually, after this, I get all my admin tasks done, such as going through some emails. Next, I'll plan my day according to any scheduled meetings and focus on my bigger analytical tasks to complete between them. Some days I will grab a coffee with a colleague if I'm in the office, and sometimes I will have 1-1 sessions with my manager to keep them up to date with my progress.

How is your degree apprenticeship being delivered?

My training provider is Blackpool and the Fylde College, and my degree is accredited by the University of Lancaster. My lectures are all online, but sometimes our tutors visit us in the office. Over time, I have learnt to balance working and studying quite well through time management skills, for example, to-do lists and keeping up to date with my calendar. Throughout my degree apprenticeship, I've worked in many different areas, such as Cyber Security, Software, Business, Product, Project and Change Management, Data and Product Analytics and Business Intelligence Development. This amount of exposure will hopefully enable me to choose the right pathway after my apprenticeship ends in 5 months!



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What are you most proud of?

My proudest achievement is definitely being nominated for the Judges Choice category in the Multicultural Apprenticeship Awards 2022. But I am also proud of the @nushboo accounts on social media channels I have set up to help to inspire the next generation of apprentices.



I am also proud to be a member of the Apprenticeship Ambassador Network (AAN). I became an Apprenticeship Ambassador as I love inspiring young people to find out more about apprenticeships. I assist at events and engage in social media campaigns. I have supported many students and newly recruited apprentices have told me how I have helped them start their apprenticeship journey. This makes me proud to be an ambassador.

What inspires you?

I think what inspires me is having a family that doesn't come from wealth and being the eldest sibling. I've always felt the inclination to be a role model for my brother and enable him to have and do things that I didn't growing up.

My ultimate goal is to be successful in my career and in my family life one day and provide a high level of stability and security for my children and my sibling.

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What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I enjoy working on my social media content and management projects. I also like reading and recently, since moving out, cooking! I am currently watching The True Detective season 1.

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