Quantity Surveying

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The basics

Apprenticeship: Quantity Surveying

Department: Transport

Employer Mott MacDonald

A Typical Week

As a Quantity Surveying apprentice currently working as a Cost Engineer, my week usually centres around helping different teams on the project forecast how many people and resources they need to deliver their part of the work. I check that each team has completed their forecasts accurately and that their planned spending stays within the agreed budget. If a team is forecast to overspend or underspend, I work with them to understand why. Towards the end of the week, we meet with senior management to present how much each team has spent so far and how much budget they have remaining. These meetings help the project stay financially on track and ensure everyone has clear visibility of the cost position.

Why an apprenticeship?

- Earn a salary while you learn
- No student loans
- Hands-on experience from day one
- Learn by doing, not just studying
- Build industry connections early
- Gain real qualifications and real skills

Top Tips / Advice

- Research companies and roles well
- Always ask questions
- Take every opportunity available
- Be a team player
- Ask for feedback
- Show enthusiasm

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