

Apprenticeship Ambassador: My story..

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Nasar is currently undertaking an Advanced Apprenticeship in IT with Vauxhall. This is his story.

My Story

I left school after my GCSEs. At school, we were given lots of information about Apprenticeships and what a great option they are – so I knew it would be perfect for me. I also knew that Vauxhall were an excellent company to work for, as my Dad works there now, and my Grandad used to.

My role is in the IT department. If any staff at our Luton sites have a problem with their IT equipment we see if we can help. It could be anything from a problem with their laptop or desktop, mobile phone, or needing access to a restricted file or software updates. Recently I have been building and refreshing laptops and desktops, helping with cable patching for our telephone lines and networking our servers.

There are ten of us in the IT department. Some people think that working in IT would be really geeky and that you don't get to meet many people, but it's not like that at all. The role is a lot more technical than I imagined and I've met hundreds of different people. Next year I will be working in the service centre where we will be dealing with hardware and providing technical assistance to customers and staff.

My Apprenticeship is a three year programme, during which I will work at two other sites, the



Luton Plant and Toddington Warehouse. After I finish if I want to get a Higher Education qualification, then Vauxhall will support me with this. I definitely want to stay working with Vauxhall and hopefully take on more responsibility, gain more CISCO qualifications and maybe even go and work at a GM site overseas.

I am currently one of the youngest Vauxhall apprentices. What I love about the Apprenticeship is that it's practical, you get hands on experience straight away and you don't learn from a textbook. Some of the other apprentices completed A Levels before starting at Vauxhall, but I'm glad I came straight here after taking my GCSEs.

My advice to someone else considering an Apprenticeship is that becoming an apprentice is not the easy option – you're working full time and studying, so it's twice as hard as just going to College. Don't follow your friends, make your own decision about what is right for you and your career - it will pay off.