

Apprenticeship Ambassador: My story..

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Shaquille is currently undertaking an
Advanced Apprenticeship in Business
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This is his story.

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My Story

I completed my first year of 6th Form at Verulam School in St Albans but decided that A Levels weren't really for me. My mum helped me to find out all about Apprenticeships, which opened up a whole new route to me. It was my Mum who found the Vauxhall Apprenticeship advert that I ended up applying for.

A typical day for me is to process paperwork associated with different car parts, including delivery notes, overseas shipments and any particular packaging requirements. I also do 'stocking' which is where I look at the parts that warehouses need to have available and make sure that they've got enough for orders to be fulfilled. If it looks like they're running low on something then I order more parts so that they have 4 weeks' worth. This could be anything from washers for screws up to engines, roof racks or tyres.

As part of my role, I need to order parts from all across the world. This involves speaking to people across Europe and America, which helps to keep my communication skills sharp. I also liaise with Renault on behalf of Vauxhall to order keys and deal with any problems that people may have.



I work in a large office with about 40 other people. Every morning I run a quiz, it's nothing to do with Vauxhall, it just gets everyone in a good mood and motivated for the day.

I'm in work for 4 days a week and College for 1 day. I work from 7:50am – 4:15pm which is great because although it's an early start, I get to finish early too. We do have flexi-time so if I wanted to start later I could, but I prefer to start early and get on with the day.

I never imagined that I would be doing a job like this when I was younger. I really enjoy working for Vauxhall and I would love to stay working for the company for years to come. I would like to become a manager somewhere in the company and I think the Apprenticeship has given me the perfect starting point.

My advice to others is to try to find something you enjoy and can see yourself doing for a long time.