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# A Day in the life of...



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### MY COMPANY IS...

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### MY ALARM GOES OFF...

I'll normally drag myself out of bed at around 6:45am. I'll jump in the shower then decide on my outfit for the day. The dress code at the client site I'm based at is 'business casual', so I'll normally opt for black or navy suit trousers with a more casual blouse or shirt. I can't really walk in heels so I go for black pumps or black heeled boots, if I'm

feeling adventurous. I'll leave my house at around 7:20. It's a 1 hr 20 journey to work via tube which I normally spend listening to music or a podcast and reading through the news. I'll grab some breakfast from the co-op near the office – normally porridge & fruit, and will be at my desk by 8:45am, ready to start the day.

### I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR...

Currently, I work with a particular business planning software called SAP for a global oil client. I have a value proposition role where I help in establishing ways the client can address some of their current challenges through using or implementing certain SAP technology solutions. I help in explaining the value and benefits of these technology solutions to the client. I'll then work to prioritise and map out the SAP Roadmap for them – ie. outlining which technologies we plan to implement at what times over the next few years.

### I GOT MY JOB...

I studied Natural Sciences (specialising in Chemistry) at the University of Cambridge. The knowledge I learnt within my degree, and A levels, is not directly applicable to my current job. However, I did gain many skills that are. For example, the time-management, organisational, communication and practical-thinking skills I developed during my degree are very relevant to my current and any future jobs!

I had come across Accenture at various Uni careers events and after graduating in 2017, I applied for an Accenture graduate scheme as I was/am very interested in pursuing a career in technology. I'm particularly interested in



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health technology and actually worked for a year at a health tech start-up before joining Accenture in February 2019.

### AT SCHOOL I STUDIED...

At GCSE, our compulsory subjects were Maths, English and triple Science. I then chose to do French, Geography and Art. I thought learning another language would be useful, and also wanted a more 'relaxing' creative subject, hence chose Art. At A level I chose the subjects I enjoyed the most - Maths, Chemistry, Physics and French. When choosing my A levels I had absolutely no idea what I wanted to do career-wise. I really liked the physical sciences and knew I wanted to pursue these at university – though I only decided on the university courses I applied to half-way through year 12.

### MY TYPICAL DAY...

I'll arrive at my desk around 8:45am. I'll spend 15 mins reading my emails, whilst polishing off my brekkie. I'll then write down my to-do list for the day and get cracking. I'll normally have around 2-3 hours of meetings during the day.

Around 12:30pm I'll walk to my favourite Italian street food place for lunch – I normally go for a

chicken and veg wrap.

I'll continue with my work tasks in the afternoon – at the moment I'm working on prioritising future projects, and I'll coordinate with my manager to arrange meetings and information sessions around this. I'll wrap up work by around 6pm.

### THE KEY SKILLS I USE IN MY JOB...

I've developed a variety of skills since joining Accenture, most of which I use on a daily basis, including:

- Time Management
- Communication / People skills
- Agile Delivery skills
- SAP Technologies – Technical
- Emerging technologies – Technical

### THE BEST PART OF MY JOB IS...

The people! Everyone I've met at Accenture have been really friendly and encouraging, which makes me more motivated and just more happy at work. Some of the people I met on my grad scheme when starting Accenture last year are actually some of my closest friends now!

I also really like being challenged and learning new things. At Accenture we can do this daily! We often work with the newest and coolest technologies which requires constantly learning to keep up to date.

### MY ROLE MODEL GROWING UP WAS...

May be a little cheesy, but I'd say growing up my role model was my older brother. He's a very hard-working person, and always very calm and composed. He takes everything in his stride and has inspired me to do the same. He's always encouraged me to pursue what I enjoy – from the subjects I chose at GCSE to

my chosen career. It was great to have this positive voice and guidance growing up. It's actually made me realise the importance of having a voice of encouragement and I'm now passionate about being that voice for younger people when I can!

### AFTER WORK...

I'll normally finish work between 5:30-6pm. I'll jump on the tube back towards East London and will head to either a street dance class or the gym for an hour or so. I'll normally get back home around 9pm when I'll have my dinner and unwind by watching my favourite Netflix shows. My dinner can be fairly varied – sometimes homemade Sri Lankan food, pasta or roasts. I'll then spend some time catching up with friends and will check my calendar to see what's in store for the following day. I'll be in bed by around 11pm, where I'll listen to music for around 15 mins, before drifting off to sleep!



### MY PLAN B...

I guess I may have continued down the science route, as I did really enjoy my Chemistry degree. I may have pursued academia and gone into research. In another life, I would have loved to pursue dancing more and even become a professional dancer! Hmm... maybe it's not too late??

