

Your name

Ben Lusty

Your apprenticeship programme

Data Analyst Level 4

### About you

Before my apprenticeship, I was a manager in the education sector with a keen interest in data and learned firsthand how having clear insights into your business can impact your decision making.

Also, I have a strong maths background, having a both degree in Engineering and previously been a maths specialist.



### Why did you choose an apprenticeship?

I was looking for a qualification that gave me hands on experience for a career that both combined my passion for problem solving and would make a real difference to the company that I was a part of.

An added benefit of taking an apprenticeship, meant I didn't have to put any financial plans on hold.

### How has the apprenticeship enhanced your career?

From the beginning, it is made clear to you and your line manager that the work you hand in for your portfolio must be projects that you are working on currently in your role. This enabled me and my manager to work together to discuss where we needed data insights and complement each module. The apprenticeship highlighted the areas I needed to work on and further taught me a range of different skills, across multiple platforms.

### What did your apprenticeship mean to you?

My apprenticeship means that I now have a recognised qualification, enhances my career prospects, solidifies my knowledge and has given me the confidence to continue exploring different areas of the job role.

### What advice would you give to an existing apprentice?

The largest piece of advice I can give it understand the total workload that you need to complete when you begin the programme and how this fits into your current job role. Being prepared for when the course workload peaks and troughs would be the best advice for a smooth apprenticeship.