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Morgan Stanley is a global financial services firm and a market leader in investment banking, securities, investment management and wealth management services. With offices in more than 41 countries, Morgan Stanley is dedicated to providing our clients the finest thinking, products and services to help them achieve even the most challenging goals.



I am currently in my final year of the IT Management for Business Graduate Apprenticeship at Morgan Stanley. I work four days a week, and attend Glasgow Caledonian University one day per week. As part of my apprenticeship, which involves rotating into new roles and functions every year, I have been given the opportunity to gain a strong understanding of the broad and important role Technology plays at Morgan Stanley. My previous roles have included; IT floor support, entitlements management, technology risk, and agile project management. My current role lies in Cyber Security Incident Response. The role consists of handling misdirected information incidents, potential insider threat risks and working with many divisions across the company to make sure cyber incidents are resolved.

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I am a very sociable person who likes to be involved in many projects and the culture of the organisation is perfect for me. Morgan Stanley is a company where employees are encouraged to take time out of their working day to get involved in initiatives such as charity work, social events and volunteering. The values of the company include; *doing the right thing, giving back, leading with exceptional ideas and putting clients first*, each of which appeal to me and make Morgan Stanley such a great place to work.



When I left school, I knew that I wanted to work and gain further education, and an apprenticeship seemed like the best option. With no background in Technology, I never considered the possibility of pursuing a technology apprenticeship however, after attending the Morgan Stanley apprenticeship open evening, I learned about the support network that the firm offers to train apprentices, and I knew it was an opportunity I wanted to explore. I heard about the open evening from my high school guidance teacher, and they are also promoted on social media platforms as well.

In my opinion, the main benefits of an apprenticeship are: you are able to gain relevant industry experience while learning on the job; you gain qualifications at the same pace as full-time students; and you achieve the same qualifications as a full-time student whilst gaining the industry experience, which sets you apart from the crowd. Apprenticeships not only offer experience and qualifications, I have found that it helps you to develop your professional skills, such as presenting and communicating, and also gives you the advantage of starting your career at an earlier age.

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