

## The University Of Buckingham Apprenticeships

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Hello! We are two apprentices at the University of Buckingham Medical School and have been asked to write this article to share with you some information about our experiences. An apprenticeship is a great way to gain valuable workplace experience whilst earning a wage and gaining a qualification at the same time! As former pupils of The Buckingham School we both chose to take on an apprenticeship but for different reasons.

Some of these include;

- To gain some experience within a workplace environment
- Personal growth and development
- Earn whilst we are learning
- Unsure about whether University is right for us
- Meet new people in a different setting



Alongside having an active administrative role within the new and growing Medical School, we are given a series of assignments that link to coursework modules. These modules are assessed through written reports, multiple choice exams, discussions and guided observations with our apprenticeship mentor. Some responsibilities that we hold within our roles include office-style tasks such as: attending and booking meetings; providing supervision for exams; formatting and creating documents and interacting with the students, staff and visitors.

In addition to these, there are other tasks like planning and running charity fundraisers and live action disaster events for the medical students to react and respond in, as well as helping with the candidates applying to study Medicine. There are many other staff wellbeing activities to get involved with too, whether that’s participating in a lunchtime walk, physical/ sporting events or even just meeting with other colleagues for an afternoon break!

Our time so far at the Medical School has been exciting and there is so much that we have enjoyed, from supporting practical exams to attending the Royal Opening of the Milton Keynes University Hospital Academic Centre! We work in a really friendly environment with a diverse range of individuals so no-one feels isolated in any sense of the word. Every day is a new day and it’s brilliant to see each department within the Medical School helping whenever they are needed.

Would we recommend an Apprenticeship? Yes.

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There are 3 more apprenticeship roles opening up within the Medical School. Deadline for applications is **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm**. Visit our website for more details:

[www.buckingham.ac.uk/about/hr](http://www.buckingham.ac.uk/about/hr)

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