

A postcard from PwC...



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I studied **A Level Chemistry** at School

How I use **Science** in my work now:

- Chemistry is all about research. Data collection and analysis, not to mention designing experiments. Audit and accounting is strikingly similar. The intuition that I developed over the 2 years I spent studying chemistry at A Level transfers very neatly to accounting, especially auditing.
- Chemists understand that numbers aren't just numbers; every digit you see printed on a page relates back to something actually happening in the physical world. So when I look at an account on a financial statement, I can see what transactions and business processes went into making that number. This helps take the abstraction out of accounting and make it more relatable.

My highlight of my job so far

- The highlight of my job was how quickly I was given the responsibility to manage my own project and workload. I worked on quite a large client and was fairly new to the job but I had the opportunity to directly communicate with the client myself and I built a good relationship as well as developing so many skills. It was an achievement for me because I was more confident when starting other projects
- Being able to get involved in volunteering and mentoring is a big highlight of my job. Working in Bradford means I can give back to my community and I love how passionate PwC is about social mobility and getting involved in programmes for schools and colleges.

If I went back in time what piece of advice would I give my 17 year old self?

As a Muslim, Sabr (patience) is a big part of my faith. Therefore, I would tell my 17 year old self to have Sabr. Sabr isn't passive. It doesn't mean you do nothing and let everything wash over you. It means striving and not frequently complaining. It means that you constantly control yourself in regards to your words and action. Sabr isn't easy. Sabr is tiring. But it will be worth it in the end. ars this has become more important to me as life priorities change.

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