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Meet Ben King

## Work Experience and Apprenticeship at Bath Building Society

During Ben's first year at college he had to complete mandatory work experience as part of his course. He was provided with a list of businesses and contacts that were willing to help, and one of those was Bath Building Society. Ben already knew about the Society from their regular visits to the college to give business talks to the students.

From the list of contacts, Ben chose to email Ben Hutchings who was a Business Development Manager (BDM) within the Mortgage Department and he asked him for work experience as he liked the sound of his job role and was interested to find out more. After corresponding with Ben through email, the two of them managed to arrange a date for a day of work experience visiting Mortgage Brokers in the surrounding area.

During the day Ben was able to see what it was like to sit in a professional meeting with a mortgage broker as well as gaining an insight into the BDM role.

Ben thoroughly enjoyed the day and decided to keep in touch with Ben and later he arranged a second day of work experience with Jon Sweeting, the Branch & Agency Manager, where he gained knowledge of the Society's Savings and Investments Business. He also visited the Society's Branches in Bath.

Over the next few weeks Ben kept correspondence going with Ben and Jon, who proceeded to give him advice regarding his CV and other business-related skills. Ben was then asked to come in to the office to meet with Steve Matthews, the Head of Mortgages. During this meeting they discussed a potential opportunity that the Society could offer Ben as a Junior Admin Assistant. The plan would be he would work part-time until the end of his studies, with the potential of going full-time at the end of the course.

## Ben King commented on his experience:

"After accepting the offer from Steve, I worked the following three months in the Mortgage admin team, which was a fantastic experience. During that time an opportunity arose within the Sales Team which I decided to apply for, and which I was very lucky to get. I now have a role working closely with the BDMs on emails and phone calls from Mortgage Brokers and I am able discuss cases with them and to provide them with a Decision-in-Principle based on the Society's lending policy."

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"After spending my first year at Norland College in student accommodation with six other nannies-in-training, I decided to use some money I had inherited to apply for a Buy for Uni mortgage. I was lucky enough to be guided through the whole process by the Society's mortgage team, who were so helpful and answered all the questions I (and my parents/guarantors!) had about the mortgage application.

As well as getting my foot on the first rung of the housing ladder, this also gave me the opportunity to live more comfortably with my friends for our remaining time training at Norland. Thank you, Bath Building Society!"

Ella Mack, A Buy for Uni Mortgage Customer

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