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CESTRIAN FUTURE



NCS LEAVING YEAR? 2010

GCSE OPTIONS? BUSINESS, GEOGRAPHY, DRAMA, HISTORY.

CHOICES AFTER GCSE? A LEVELS: ECONOMICS, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, SPORT SCIENCE

DEGREE? BA (HONS) MANAGEMENT STUDIES (NOTTINGHAM)

DESCRIBE YOUR CAREER SO FAR? I AM CHARTERED SURVEYOR SPECIALISING IN COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TAX (BUSINESS RATES). AFTER COMPLETING MY MASTERS 5 YEARS AGO, I STARTED AT ALLSOP LLP AS A GRADUATE. I WAS PROMOTED TO SURVEYOR AFTER TWO YEARS AND THEN PROMOTED AGAIN TO SENIOR SURVEYOR BEFORE LEAVING ALLSOP AND TAKING UP MY CURRENT ROLE IN LONDON. I WORK WITH SOME OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST DEVELOPERS, PROP COS, LANDLORDS, PENSION AND HEDGE FUNDS, RETAILERS, AND BUSINESS IN MITIGATING THEIR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TAX EXPOSURE. I HAVE PROVIDED TAX ADVICE FOR SEVERAL COMPANY'S YOU WILL HAVE HEARD OF INCLUDING AVIVA, BURTON, TOPSHOP, TOPMAN, BURGER KING, KFC, CEX, LACOST AND HOTEL CHOCOLAT. MY CAREER HAS GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES ACROSS THE WORLD SUCH AS AUSTRALIA AND FLORIDA, USA BEFORE SETTLING AND WORKING IN LONDON. BEFORE SPECIALISING IN BUSINESS RATES, I GAINED EXPERIENCE IN AUCTIONS, COMMERCIAL PROPERTY INVESTMENT, OFFICE LEASING AND VALUATIONS. I AM WORKING TOWARDS A PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE AND THEN FINALLY PARTNER.

BEST PART ABOUT YOUR JOB? TWO THINGS I LOVE ABOUT MY JOB ARE:

THE SOCIAL ASPECT –THE PROPERTY INDUSTRY IS ONE OF THE LAST TRULY SOCIAL INDUSTRIES. I AM EXPECTED AND ENCOURAGED TO SOCIALISE WITH COLLEAGUES, CLIENTS AND PEERS. THIS COULD BE A LUNCH WITH CLIENTS, GOING TO THE PUB WITH PEERS OR A TEAM TRIP AWAY WITH COLLEAGUES. SOME TEAM TRIPS I'VE BEEN ON WITH WORK INCLUDE BREAKS TO PORTO, BUDAPEST, AND ROME, ALL PAID FOR BY THE COMPANY.

EVERY DAY IS DIFFERENT—I TRAVEL ALL OVER THE COUNTRY WITH MY JOB AND ONE DAY IS NEVER THE SAME. ON MONDAY I COULD BE IN BANGOR NORTHERN IRELAND LOOKING AT A RETAIL UNIT AND THEN TUESDAY IN CENTRAL LONDON ON SITE AT A MULTIMILLION-POUND DEVELOPMENT.

THE PAY ISN'T TO BAD EITHER

WORST PART OF YOUR JOB? THERE ISN'T MUCH I DON'T LIKE ABOUT MY JOB, HOWEVER ON COMPLEX CASES AND A DEADLINE LOOMING A LOT OF HARD WORK IS NEEDED AND LONG HOURS IN THE OFFICE FOR A WEEK OR SO.

ANY TIPS TO AN 16 YEAR OLD YOU? YOU CAN'T DO ANY MORE THAN YOUR BEST. ENJOY AND APPRECIATE THE COMING YEARS THEY WILL BE SOME OF THE BEST OF YOUR LIFE.

ANY ADVICE TO OUR CURRENT GENERATION OF LEARNERS?

"DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT, I STILL DO! ALWAYS TRY YOUR BEST, IF YOUR BEST ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH THEN ITS JUST NOT THE RIGHT PATH FOR YOU. FINALLY, RESULTS AREN'T EVERYTHING, BUT THE HARD WORK PUT IN NOW WILL SET YOU WELL FOR THE FUTURE."

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