

# ALUMNI ADVICE

BA Economics and Politics @ University of Sheffield, MA International Political

Assistant Economist at the Department for International Trade





What is a job like?

I finished my A-Levels and started an apprenticeship at an accounting firm, but it wasn't really for me. Luckily I had applied to university during my time at sixth form and had received a place at the university of Sheffield to study Maths which I had deferred so I handed in my notice and started university in September 2018. I am now going into my second year and absolutely love it. I now want to become a maths teacher when I graduate.

What is your job like?

Full-time Student at The University of Sheffield

What are the key skills?

Communication, problem-solving, teamwork, and time management.

What advice would you give to a student who is undecided on their career path?

Either volunteer or find a job you can do part-time. The most important life lesson I've learnt so far is that sometimes your ideal job does not turn out to be what you actually want to do in the future and volunteering for example in that sector gives you an opportunity to see if you like it and also gain work experience necessary for job interviews in the future. But remember there's nothing wrong with deciding you don't like the role and changing your mind.



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What advice would you give to a student who is considering a career in finance?

Two years of Maths at University and one year studying AAT

What is your current job role?

Divisional Finance Assistant

What advice would you give to a student who is considering a career in finance?

Wickersley hold a careers day for every year group which I would really recommend taking advantage of. It gave me an idea of what interviews would be like, what kind of questions would be asked and showed me what areas I could improve. This definitely prepared me and made me feel much more confident for real interviews.

What advice would you give to a student who is considering a career in finance?

Don't quit your sports. When applying for jobs employers are looking for something that makes you stand out. Playing a sport shows commitment to a team and good time management skills, in addition to being a great study break!



CHLOE MYERS - Leaver 2016





What is  
the job title?

Risk Assurance Manager

What are  
the key

What are the key/developed  
communication skills?

The majority of the skills needed to do my job are soft skills - the ability to listen is extremely important. In particular, university helped me to build these skills - not just because of the academic side but also the social side - joining societies, making new friends & arguing over whose turn it was to do the dishes all help you to develop valuable communication skills!





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What is your job like?

BA (Hons) French and Spanish (University of Manchester, 2017), MA in Editorial Translation (French and English into Spanish) (University of Murcia, 2018)

What is your career path like?

English as a Foreign Language Teacher/Freelance Translator, interpreter and proof-reader, specialising in literary translation

What advice would you give to current students?

Lots of things! But I found the numerous talks and workshops I attended to be especially useful, especially when doing my masters.

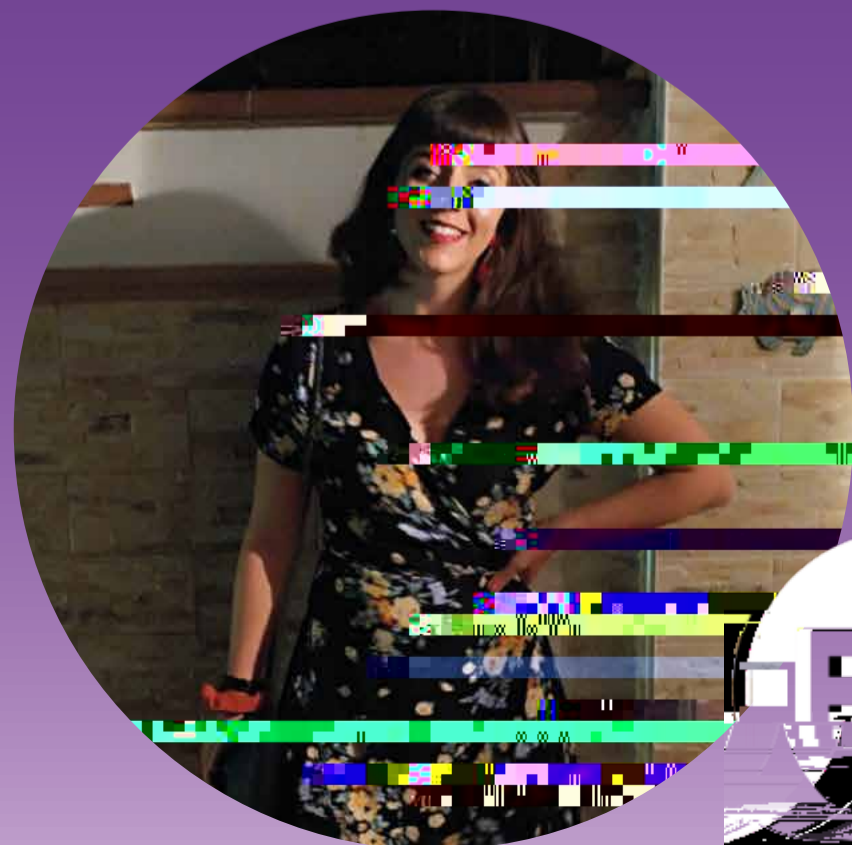
What advice would you give to current students?

Always work your hardest, and treat everyone as you would like to be treated.

Always be honest with people about your capabilities and never accept a job that is above them. And if you are passionate about something, show it! I got laughed at (a lot) for being interested in languages, and I paid no interest in the comments people made. Look where I am now :)

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KATIE WRIGHT - Leaver 2011



What are your qualifications?

I completed my GCSEs and A-Levels (English Language, Geography and Psychology) at Wickersley and then gained a 2:1 degree in BA (Hons) Primary Education with QTS from Bishop Grosseteste University, Lincoln. This degree allowed me to go straight into a teaching role. Over the years, I have furthered my own professional development by attending a range of courses related to my role.

What is your current role?

Primary School Teacher

What are your key skills/developed competencies?





What is  
your job like?

BA (Hons) Broadcast  
Journalism Student

What  
is a  
journalist?

Since being at university I have  
completed a number of work placements  
which have developed my skills in a

