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**University planning to attend: University of London**

**Degree planning to study: Engineering and Business Management**

**1. Why did you apply to the IBM Futures Scheme?**

I applied to IBM because I wanted to do something a little bit different. I didn't want to go from school straight to university. I wanted to get some real work experience and get something for the CV that would really mean something in the future.

**2. What does your job involve?**

At IBM I'm an event manager, so I get to get involved in organising all sorts of training events across the country and even internationally. A few weeks ago I got to organise a senior leadership conference in Frankfurt and that goes all the way over here to just small classroom events in London so it's a really varied role and it's been really exciting.

**3. What training have you had?**

For me personally, a lot of training came from being on the job and having my handover with the person who was doing my job previously. In the job you just get to learn so much and so quickly that you become really proficient by the end of it.

**4. What activities do you get involved in outside your day to day job?**

At IBM there have been loads of different opportunities to get involved in volunteering and to help out the local community. I've been on a couple of workshops visiting local primary schools; that was a CV building workshop and also a skills workshop to help them become more employable for when they apply to jobs later on. I've also had the chance to go to some big conferences in London and Reading to demonstrate some free learning tools that IBM are giving out to the local school communities. So that was a really good experience.

**5. What would you highlight about the IBM culture?**

So I think the big thing that I will probably take away from IBM in terms of the culture is about always grasping hold of opportunities. While you're here there are so many things you can do whether it's taking part in volunteering, taking on new work, meeting new people, networking and all sorts of other events. There are all sorts of things you can get involved in, help build your network, make new friends and ultimately put more on your CV.