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AGE: 23

JOB TITLE: FRAMEWORK COORDINATOR

BUSINESS: MCLAUGHLIN &
HARVEY CONSTRUCTION



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WHAT DID YOU WANT TO DO WHEN YOU LEFT SCHOOL?

When I was in school I knew I wanted to go to university to study a course related to the environment so that I could eventually get a job that involved protecting and conserving the environment for future generations.

WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER SCHOOL AND WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

I left school and went straight to Glasgow Caledonian University to study Environmental Management and took up a part time job in a supermarket to help fund my studies. I think my part time job helped me develop transferable skills such as communication and teamwork that have benefitted me in my studies and in the world of work after university.

HAVE YOU CHANGED JOBS OFTEN?

I kept the same part time job throughout my studies and have worked for the same company since graduating, however I have had two different roles with them. My first job was a year long contract but when this ended the company offered me a new permanent role I have worked in the new job for a year now.

HOW DID YOU GET INTO YOUR CURRENT ROLE?

I started working for my current company on a temporary, one-year contract in the Environmental department. This job was closely linked to a lot of the things I had studied at university. When my contract ended, the company offered me a permanent contract in my current role. This was a job in a new area of the business that I wasn't familiar with, so it allowed me to learn more about the construction industry.

DO YOU HAVE A MESSAGE TO PUPILS RECEIVING THEIR EXAM RESULTS TODAY?

Exam results aren't the be all and end all. There are so many different routes you can take to get to the career you want. Also, be open and flexible to different career options that you may have never considered before.

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