

Jack Hulme

Quantity Surveying Apprentice

I'm Jack Hulme, an 18-year-old Quantity Surveying Apprentice working at Tilbury Douglas. A Quantity Surveyor manages the costs involved on building projects, for example, managing budgets, estimating quantities of materials and preparing tender documents.

Since my start date on 24 July 2023, I have mainly been working on site in Liverpool to help ensure the project is completed by the deadline. My roles have been measuring walls and areas of rooms to then quantify, sending out enquiries to different sub-contractors to obtain a quote for the works and helping with anything my supervisors may need.

What does a typical day look like as an apprentice?

Every day is a school day as you are always learning and looking to improve daily. Whilst there can be some challenging aspects, this is normal as you are an apprentice and have supervisors present to help with any issues you are facing.

An apprenticeship is a great way to get first-hand experience that not many people get if they decide to go on other routes such as university. Doing different tasks every day under supervision ensures you learn as fast as possible.

8.30 (start time)

I arrive at work and start my laptop up after making a cup of tea – no sugar.

9:00

I catch up on any emails I have been sent and chat with my line manager or supervisor about the tasks ahead.

11:00

Drinks break

12:30

Lunch. Depending on if I'm on site or based in the Wigan office, I may bring my own dinner in or go to the canteen and eat there. There are microwaves in the office which is handy if you want hot food.

14.00

Continue with day-to-day tasks. If I ever find myself with nothing to do I will either ask my supervisor for any jobs I can help with or ask anyone in other roles if I can be of assistance.

17:00 (finish time)

I will find out from my manger where I will be based the following day, either on site or in the Wigan office. I may also respond to any more emails I may have missed before packing up and heading home for the day.



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