

my journey to choosing an apprenticeship

and the challenges I faced along the way

in year 12, we obviously had to start thinking about our futures, aka university, a job, an apprenticeship or a gap year

I've always been interested in media and marketing so I was thinking about doing a degree in that.

however, when I spoke to my tutor about this, they mentioned that media degrees aren't always the best option and that I would need to somehow get more experience as well as the degree after 3 years.

2018/2019 - near the end of year 12

i spoke to my dad about this and he mentioned that I should try and apply for some apprenticeships.

I would gain the experience and I would earn money at the same time.

I then started to look and apply for a ton of different apprenticeships from the end of year 12 until year 13. I was really set on the idea of doing an apprenticeship but it was a little tough trying to find ones that I seemed to like.

I eventually found a Channel 4 apprenticeship in London that really caught my eye because it was based around social media and everything creative.

2019

But, covid came into the UK.

I got an email back from Channel 4 saying that they won't be holding any apprenticeships this year because of the coronavirus. But I had to somehow overcome this challenge and move forward.

I realised that I could apply for an apprenticeship for Openreach, who work along side with BT to provide broadband for customers all over the UK.

I applied for the apprenticeship in June, went through many interview processes and along the way, I found out about Apprentice Nation who helped me out when it came to the interviews and also how to be the best.

2020

There were teachers who were still convincing me to become a late applicant to university even with the predicted grades that I got, but I was very firm on my choice with wanting to do an apprenticeship.

Then in November, I found out that I got the apprenticeship!

I started working near the beginning of December and now 1 month in, I have a new great group of friends, I'm gaining experience about the company that I'm working for and I'm also earning a good wage at the same time.

My advice is to always stick to what you want to do and although things might be hard at times, be firm on what you want in the end.

2020



Thanks for listening and remember...

**BE GRATEFUL FOR THE CHALLENGES THAT
YOU FACE, AS THEY MAKE YOU STRONGER.**