

Meet the Outset team

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Describe your role and how you support our clients (in no more than 100 words)

My role as an Accounts Assistant in the Finance department requires me to ensure that accounts are kept up to date daily. This can range from daily bank reconciliations to end of month billing. The role is centred primarily on keeping ledgers up to date so that management can be provided relevant and accurate information on the business. My interaction with clients is mainly assisting with any invoicing/billing queries, aiming to get it resolved in a timely manner.

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Give us a brief timeline of your career so far

During college, I studied Maths and Business which influenced me to pursue a role in Finance. Therefore, I went on to study Business Management and Accounting BSc at University of Roehampton. Whilst studying for my degree, like many other students, I had picked up a customer assistant job in the retail industry. Although this role was solely based on customer service, the experience gained helped shape me up for the future.

After graduating, I was fortunate enough to spend a couple months travelling before working in practice for an accounting firm in London. This role developed my skills and knowledge with bookkeeping and other aspects that I learnt during my degree. Subsequently, I decided to move to Maidstone for a new chapter in my life. This led me to join Outset at the beginning of 2019, where I am working full time and studying ACCA.

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What do you wish someone had told you when you started out? Or what piece of advice were you given early on that has stuck with you?

A piece of advice that I was given was from my parents who always reiterated the importance of education to me. Coming from a background in a developing country education was limited therefore, it was a privilege only the rich could afford. They advised me to always work hard as knowledge is key.

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What has been your biggest challenge in your role

The biggest challenge would probably be COVID-19 so far. The impact led to working from home which was something that I had never done before. However, for me the challenges presented became personal. Working and studying from home is challenging but definitely one that I can learn from!

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What do you enjoy most about your job?

I love everything about my job. Mainly the social aspect (i.e socialising with my colleagues).

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What do you think sets Outset apart?

The culture and working environment is what makes it a great place to work. For me, it simply comes down to the people.

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When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A professional footballer until my “knee injury”.

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Who inspires you most and why?

Martin Luther King - the power of speech and peaceful protest to spearhead the civil rights movement around the world, and changed the lives of millions of people in doing so. It’s impossible to listen to his renowned “I have a dream” speech without feeling inspired.

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What do you enjoy doing when you are not working?

Sports is a big part of my childhood so I tend to play football or go to the gym. Depending on the weather, I also like to do surfing and other outdoor activities

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What piece of advice would you give someone in business?

Success doesn’t come overnight. The ascent toward your vision is long and steep, but only you can see it, so don’t be so hard on yourself. Start climbing and you’ll realise you’re on a never-ending hike. Strive for constant improvement, not perfection.



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