

Name: Harry Mundy

Age: 18

Year graduated from Ousedale: 2019

What qualifications did you gain at Ousedale?

GCSEs/BTECs:	Nine GCSE's grade A-C	A-Levels:	English Language	B
			History	B
			P.E	C

Did you pursue any Further or Higher education? College/Apprenticeship/University/study while working

Alongside my apprenticeship, I am also working towards a degree in Business Management and a Chartered Management Certificate at Birmingham City University. This is a perfect combination as in my place of work I am surrounded by topic experts that can help me in my degree (such as HR and Account Managers); it is also so helpful to be applying the things I'm learning in a classroom to the real working world which gives me a huge advantage over other students.

What was your career aspiration while you were at school? If your career path changed what changed your mind?

When I was at school I always wanted to be in the Royal Marines, however I did not have a clear career path until this opportunity at MBFS came along.

What did you enjoy most about your school life at Ousedale?

I loved the social aspect of school and seeing my friends' every day. Within my time at Ousedale, I built great relationships with pupils as well as teachers and I will always appreciate how the school gave me the opportunity to gain a job like this.

Current job title and description of your role?

In my apprenticeship, I will rotate around different departments in the business and learn different skills in each one. Currently I am working as a Dealer Services Officer. In this role, I communicate directly with Retailers to ensure customer contracts and invoices are ready and finance is ready to be paid out. This role is interesting because each contract is unique and different ranging from large Limited Companies financing a fleet of vehicles to celebrities getting the latest models (paying out David Beckham's Mercedes in my third week!) I am lucky to have been put into a team with a great manager and team leaders who are helping me in my development by trusting me with my own projects and allowing me to present to the Field Operations Managers in my first month here.

How did you achieve this role?

To achieve this role, I first had to send in my CV along with hundreds of other applicants. These CV's are checked and 70 are selected for video interviews (this was the stage that I dreaded the most as it feels very unnatural to do for the first time). From the video interviews, 30 applicants are chosen to attend an assessment day. The assessment day is a combination of group and individual interviews, and written and verbal tasks. While this sounds daunting, it actually was a very relaxed environment and you quickly learn that MBFS are much more interested in your personality and work ethic than your resume and experience. I was lucky enough to be selected as one of the five successful degree apprentices and then all that was left to do was to achieve BBC in my A Levels to get onto the University Course.



What advice would you give our current students about the world of work?

As cliché as it sounds, my best advice would be to just throw yourself into any opportunities that comes your way and be yourself. Throughout the selection process, I never tried to pretend to be somebody I was not and when I arrived at the assessment day, I quickly realised that some of the applicants were much more qualified for the role than I was. However, by staying true to myself (and a little bit of luck) I managed to achieve this degree apprenticeship. I also would advise students that may have not had the perfect time at school (like myself) that it is not too late to turn things around and teachers are there to support you if you require it. If you are looking for a career in Business, I really advise people to apply for this apprenticeship and I hope to see some faces I recognise at next year's assessment!