

## Meet some of J.P. Morgan's F&BM Apprentices

**Katherine Pierce**, a second year Apprentice working within Treasury Services Product Control and **Caitlin Jordan**, a first year Apprentice within Fixed income finance Product control.

### What made you decide to do an apprenticeship in finance?

**Katherine:** *'An apprenticeship has always appealed to me as it allows you to gain qualifications alongside real life office experience all whilst getting paid seeming much more beneficial for a career in Finance. Business and economics have always interested me and became my stronger subjects so I naturally drifted to searching for an apprenticeship in Finance.'*

**Caitlin:** *'I decided to look for a career which would facilitate my A level choices Economics, Law and Business that I became extremely interested in and I wanted a head-start with in-office experience.'*

### What are some skills your experience has given you so far?

**Katherine:** *'My communication skills have definitely improved, learning and adapting to speak to a wide range of people, including senior management, which has also helped to increase my confidence! I have also developed technical skills such as Excel and PowerPoint, organisation and time management skills and so much more.'*

**Caitlin:** *'The main skills which I have developed are building stakeholder relationships role at JP Morgan I get exposure to customer facing teams and must communicate with people from different levels within the bank on a daily basis; building good relationships with these contacts is key to ensuring my days run smoothly.'*

### Describe what your future at JP Morgan looks like for you?

**Katherine:** *'Once my apprenticeship concludes I will be joining the full time analyst programme, giving me experience in a further 3 roles before having to find a permanent role. There is such a wide range of roles and opportunities available, I can see myself staying with the firm for a long time. I have already built a great network and will continue to do so as a progress throughout my career.'*

**Caitlin:** *'I would like to progress with my career and build my network while doing so to become well established within the bank. My first step for progression would be joining the graduate scheme as I can get experience in three different business areas through this opportunity and then progress with my favourite.'*

### What advice would you give to someone thinking about applying to an apprenticeship?

**Katherine:** *'My biggest piece of advice would be do your research. It's so important to be prepared; it can really make you stand out amongst the rest. But it's also important to be yourself, don't try to be who you think the company want you to be.'*

**Caitlin:** *'Make the most of apprenticeship events and open office evenings in order to gain as much insight to your prospective role as possible'*