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Having enjoyed studying accounting at university but never actually had any practical experience I wanted to get a placement to see if I wanted to pursue this profession as a career. I thought that EQ would be a well suited firm for me as their Forfar office has a great agricultural client base which is something I am very interested in. Therefore, I thought I would get the best insight into accounting if I combined two of my main interests.

When I started, one of the first things I noticed was the welcoming working environment, everybody was so friendly. This made it very easy to ask questions which meant I could make the most out of my placement as it helped me understand every challenge I came across. Each job was assigned a controller and this was somebody that would guide you and answer any queries you had. Again, this made it very easy to have someone to go to without feeling you were pestering them.

Previously, I thought I may have got bored working in an office but this was definitely not the case; I was surprised by how quickly the time passed each day and the eight weeks just flew in. As mentioned before, each job was different so there was always a new challenge to get stuck into.

As time progressed I got to try a large variety of different jobs for different types of business structures, such as sole traders, partnerships and companies. This meant that I got to use a lot of different software packages, including Caseware, Sage, Farmplan and Farmdata, not to mention the odd manual cashbook. This was a good opportunity to gain experience with these packages as I will hopefully use them in the future.

All round, I have thoroughly enjoyed my placement and feel I can take away a lot from it into my last year of studying. It has confirmed my career choice for the future.