Student Internship case study 2011

JWPCreers LLP Chartered Accountants: Corporate Finance Internship, Summer 2011.

JWPCreers is a firm of Chartered Accountants and Business Advisers with offices in York and Selby. With more than 70 staff in specialist teams the practice is one of the largest in North Yorkshire.

Second year English Literature student Robin Synnot joined JWPCreers’ Corporate Finance Department as part of the University of York’s Student Internship Bureau 2011 summer scheme. Robin’s project involved researching companies that JWPCreers could engage with for acquisition, mergers and marketing purposes. The firm was looking for an intern who would be able to conduct detailed analysis, unpick legal documentation and contracts and translate results into meaningful reports for the team. Robin was also required to construct his own financial forecasts, as well as keep an eye on the local, regional and national press for interesting and relevant financial developments.

As well as being involved with his longer term project, Robin also conducted smaller, day-to-day projects, including assisting the marketing manager at professional networking events and proofreading documents for the office.

Corporate Finance Manager Katy Booth, and Marketing Manager Rosie Guenzel commented that ‘work produced by Robin was to an extremely high standard and was both reliable and concise. Robin was an active member of the team and his assistance on the projects undertaken has genuinely improved their overall quality.’ Talking about the firm’s experience of the University’s Student Internship Bureau, Katy and Rosie add that, ‘we have found Bureau extremely supportive and interim visits and progress checks useful; all the short-listed candidates for the internship were of a high standard’.

JWPCreers was recognised for the support and direction it extended to Robin during his placement at the University’s annual Summer Internship Celebration and Awards in October. Robin said that ‘this internship was pivotal in helping me decide what I would like to do after I graduate. The nature of the work at JWPCreers has allowed me to dip into the different aspects of the firm and to get a view of the different facets of the financial sector.’