

ADAM RATHBONE

TTS STUDENT: 2000-2007

Current role: Corporate Finance, Mergers & Acquisitions Associate, KPMG

Career pathway:

I studied Accounting and Finance at Warwick University, taking a summer internship at KPMG between my second and third years at university. Upon graduation I accepted a graduate training contract in Audit at KPMG Birmingham, where I qualified as an accountant and was also lucky enough to spend a short amount of time working in the US.

Once qualified I transferred internally into our Mergers and Acquisitions team where we mainly advise and project manage businesses and their owners through the acquisition of target businesses or sale of businesses/divisions.

Advice for students:

The pathway to careers in finance have changed since I left school and there are now many options to join large finance or accountancy firms straight from VI form whilst also taking a professional qualification and in some cases gaining a degree.

If you plan to go to university and pursue a career in finance, summer internships are a great way to get your foot in the door at employers whilst working out if it is really what you want to do upon graduation!

Also, don't feel like you need to study Accounting and Finance at university to work in the field, many employers simply ask for a 2:1 in any degree discipline. (If I'd have known this I would have studied History - my other passion!)

Best memory of your time at Thomas Telford?

I loved representing the school at basketball and making sure I scored enough points to get on the broadcast each week!

