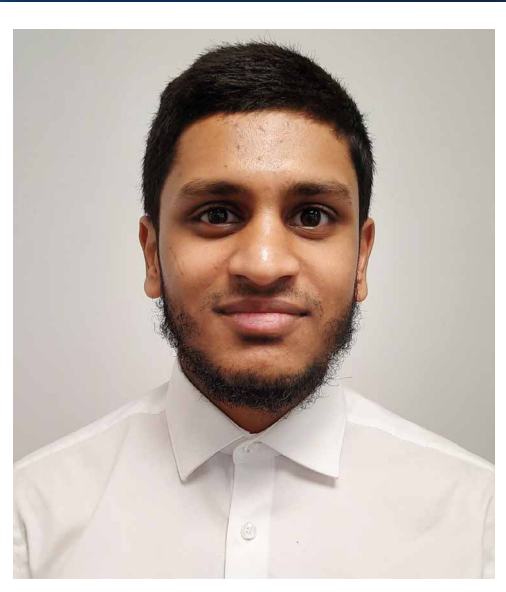


## Meet Hamza!

Hamza is a Finance Assistant at Marlowe Fire & Security. He has been with the company since 2021 and is currently on the Level 2 Finance Apprenticeship program.



**NAME:** Hamza Makda

**APPRENTICESHIP:** Finance

**LEVEL:** 2

### Why did you choose an apprenticeship?

“ My initial plan was to go to university, however, my sibling had done an apprenticeship, and when I was weighing up the options between the two, I felt that the apprenticeship route was better for me. It meant that I wouldn't come out of it with a lot of debt, and I can apply the skills I learn in my apprenticeship to my job role. ”

### Can you describe what a typical working week looks like for you?

“ My typical week would be working at the office Monday - Wednesday and Friday. This will usually consist of working alongside the financial department, dealing with credit control, accounts emails, banking, remittances, and generally assisting other members within my department. I go to college every Thursday for half a day in the morning, and then spend the afternoon working on my assignments, self-study and working on my off-the-job logs. ”

### Do you feel the apprenticeship has met your expectations so far – both from the program and employee point of view?

“ I have been very well looked after, both from the provider and as an employee. Marlowe Fire & Security have truly exceeded my expectations and have made me feel very welcome. My progress has been supported well and I have been given flexibility when needed for my apprenticeship. I feel really happy with how everything is going, and I thank Salford City College as well as Marlowe Fire & Security for this opportunity. ”

### What would you say to someone that is looking to start their apprenticeship?

“ If anyone is looking to do an apprenticeship, I would highly recommend it. There are so many different types of apprenticeships available now, more so than before, and much more incentives with them as well, so it is a great route to take. ”

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