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**Job Title:** Procurement Apprentice & Operations  
Admin Assistant

**Company:** Forth Ports

**Hometown:** Falkirk



### **What attracted you to the industry and how long have you been here?**

The logistics industry is very fast paced and it is fascinating seeing how goods move throughout the supply chain, via different means of transport so when I had the opportunity to leave school and do an apprenticeship in this sector, I jumped. I have been here 2 ½ years.

### **Describe your day-to-day job:**

My role involves all the processing of the import and export of goods via boat. The role is very fast paced and each day is different, with new challenges from both customers and freight forwarders as well as internal stakeholders who look to smooth our processes out and ensure customer satisfaction.

### **What training have you completed?**

I completed an apprenticeship which consisted of an SVQ Level 3 in procurement and a CIPS level 2 programme as well as on the job training and various external courses.

### **What skills have you learned?**

In any line of work, you need to be adaptable, pick different work up at short notice and it is essential that you prioritise tasks in order to do your job properly.

### **What skills are the most important for you to do your job well?**

It is really important to have excellent communication skills as if there is ever any issues these need to be raised before the problems escalate.

### **What is your advice for young school leavers looking to start an apprenticeship?**

Find something that you are interested in and identify what your key skills are. If you can, take on a part-time job whilst still at school, the experience you gain from even stacking shelves will help you understand what a work environment is like, as this will probably be the most challenging part for you to adapt to. Have a willingness to learn and take advice, you will be learning from people who know your industry well.

### **What are your career goals?**

My goal is to move into management, where I bring out the best in people and those around me. I'd like to not only manage people, but get involved in large scale projects, that I can see have made a difference to people's working lives and help grow the business.

### **Tell us what makes you proud to be a key worker?**

It feels good to think that we are all contributing towards the bigger picture and helping those who need supplies to keep essential work going and supporting the country to keep a sense of normality in people's lives.