

## **Alfie Thompson, City of York Council Regulatory Compliance Apprenticeship**

Training Provider: Babington

After finishing school I decided that an apprenticeship would give me the chance to earn while studying, plus gaining experience of working in a full time working environment. I found the vacancy on the government website ([www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)).

During my apprenticeship I've been involved in lots of different areas of work, including air quality, licensing (personal and premises licences), out of hours enforcement and trading standards issues. My apprenticeship has given me both theoretical and practical experience. My level of confidence has increased and I have built some great relationships with colleagues, as well as giving me experience of dealing with the public.



The best advice I could give is to explore all the different progression routes when you finish school. University is not the only option. An apprenticeship offers the best of both worlds and the experience you gain will be vital in years to come.

Alfie previously attended **Archbishop Holgate's School**.

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