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AHK GRADUATE PROGRAMME

CASE STUDY: ROSS MEIKLE

JOB TITLE: Graduate Chemist

QUALIFICATION: BSc (Hons) Chemistry

Ross began his AHK journey in May 2021 as part of the Chemist Graduate Programme, carrying out preparation, extraction and analysis of various sample types and using the respective instrument to analyse for the required test, as well as carrying out general maintenance on instrumentation as required.



ROSS'S AHK JOURNEY

I have now passed the 6 month mark in my AHK journey and have managed to become involved in many of the operations carried out at AHK Energy Services here in Dundonald, Scotland. I have been placed on a cross-training programme which has allowed me to learn many aspects of my role as a Graduate Chemist as well as work with a variety of the teams here in Dundonald to give me a full and proper understanding of the process. The cross-training programme has allowed me to work in different areas and has developed my understanding in many of the roles, job types and the work we do at Energy Services, as well as allowed me to reflect on areas I feel I require more work in.

Since starting with AHK, alongside the training I have been provided, I have had the opportunity to carry out the installation, validation through to commercial use of a new Ion Chromatography instrument. This is one of our main instruments for analysis in the Chemistry Laboratory and has been extremely beneficial to my learning and development and has now become one of the main instruments I operate.

In the near future I will have the opportunity to travel to AHK's Headquarters in Liverpool, where I will spend time with various departments and staff members giving me an oversight into the Metals and Minerals aspect of the business, as well as be able to meet other individuals currently on the AHK Graduate Programme to share and discuss our experiences.

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ADVICE TO GRADUATES

Coming from a Chemistry related degree, I have found the transition from university work to industry very smooth. As part of the programme, I have been provided with sufficient training and have pre-arranged monthly reviews and meetings with all other graduates including the company CEO to ensure we are on track and give the opportunity to voice any concerns. If you are graduating in the near future, I would highly recommend the AHK Graduate Programme

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