

First of all at a careers event I picked up information about some websites where MBDA advertise. Through this I requested email updates about different placements that were on offer. From here I clicked through onto MBDA's website and went through my application, performed the tests that I needed to and afterwards was invited back to an interview later on in the year.

At the moment I'm working on simulating the release of a missile so we simulate different altitudes, speeds and positions on the aeroplane and different kinds of manoeuvres that the aeroplane is doing when the missile is released as well.

It really helps with my university work, more so this year as it's in a technical area which helps me more with my physics work. I get to, for example use Matlab, which is quite useful in my degree and I get to gain more experience with that.

I get a buddy who works near me that I can pester for answers all the time and everyone around me is really friendly as well, they help me with anything that I'm stuck on.

The benefits are that I get to get rid of my student overdraft over the summer; that's really helpful. I get paid holiday as well and because I commute from London if I miss a train we get flexible working so I can always arrive at the right time and do my hours properly.

From the social aspect we all get to see each other at lunch times and we get to talk about what we're going to be doing together on a Friday evening. We get to go out to different places in Stevenage and relax together on a Friday evening with a bit of a meal then go down to the pub for a few drinks afterwards.