

What do maths students do after their course?



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I'll be starting a graduate scheme at KPMG in the audit department in London, after completing a four-week internship there in the summer after third year. I found the internship by researching online.

One of the reasons I chose Maths at university is because I really had no idea what I wanted to do and felt it was the best way of keeping my options open.

I decided to stick to the financial services area as it mostly contained similar stuff to what I had been learning. After reading the job description for a forensic accountant role it seemed like something I'd definitely be interested in. Starting in audit is a good way to build a foundation for this particular career.

The careers fairs were always good – they gave me the opportunity to ask companies I was considering applying for questions. It was also helpful in deciding which company I would prefer to work at, as having a representative who engages with you can persuade you to consider their company.

What career advice would you give to a student preparing to graduate?

Don't panic! Although it may seem like you should be going straight into employment you have your whole life ahead of you - take the time to really think about what you're interested in.

Find out more at bristol.ac.uk/maths/careers

What career advice would you give to a first or second-year student?

It's never bad to start thinking about what you want to do, even if it seems like miles away. If you have a hunch, take some time in summer to think about it and maybe look for an internship after second year - this can really help after graduating.