

## Graduate Careers at Armstrong Watson

Opportunities to join our Chartered Accountancy Programme are available in Leeds, Skipton and Carlisle.  
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TO GO BEYOND**

# Invest time with us and get a return on your future

Here at Armstrong Watson our people and specialist teams offer a breadth and depth of service to rival the top tier firms. As part of our continued growth and development we are looking for bright new talent to join and help us shape our future.

With offices based in some of the most stunning locations, you will train and work alongside a team delivering excellent advisory services to the best emerging entrepreneurs and owner managed businesses in the North of England and South West Scotland.

If you plan to inspire, want to take the lead and help us support the best clients in the regions, we want you to step forward. For the time you invest in Armstrong Watson, we guarantee a positive experience you will want to share with family, friends, clients and colleagues throughout your career.

Rise to the challenge, join us and take the opportunity to go beyond...



## Meet some of our team...

### Annabelle Wood, Chartered Accountancy Trainee



I joined Armstrong Watson two and a half years ago after completing an Accountancy and Finance degree. What initially attracted me to the firm was the ability to progress and gain experience in a wide range of departments across 14 offices and also feel part of a close team. I joined Armstrong Watson's Chartered Programme in September 2015 and I am thoroughly enjoying every aspect of my job.

The firm ensure I gain as much experience as possible, tailoring my practical work experience to what I am studying at college, building my knowledge and understanding. I currently work in business services with an involvement in audits and tax work at Northallerton and Skipton. I attend training courses in accounting packages and professional development. My colleagues and tutors at college are very supportive, helping me successfully pass my ICAEW exams. Overall, fuelling my drive and ambition to move up the firm as I progress and gain more experience.

### Rhys Davies, Corporate Senior

Having gained an English Language Degree at Newcastle University, I joined the team in October 2011. Training for the ACA qualification helped me pursue my career goals by allowing me to further develop the skills I gained at University. Armstrong Watson supported and guided me throughout, offering useful learning and development advice during every step of the process.



A career in accountancy is never dull, as the day to day workload is varied and continues to challenge me. I now work directly with clients and help provide advice to a very wide portfolio of sectors. Working within a team I feel valued and I have a good peer group who support me. There is potential for progression within the firm, particularly through the Chartered Programme. As the work becomes more complex I'm embracing the additional responsibility. I would recommend the Chartered Programme at Armstrong Watson to any ambitious and motivated graduate trainee.

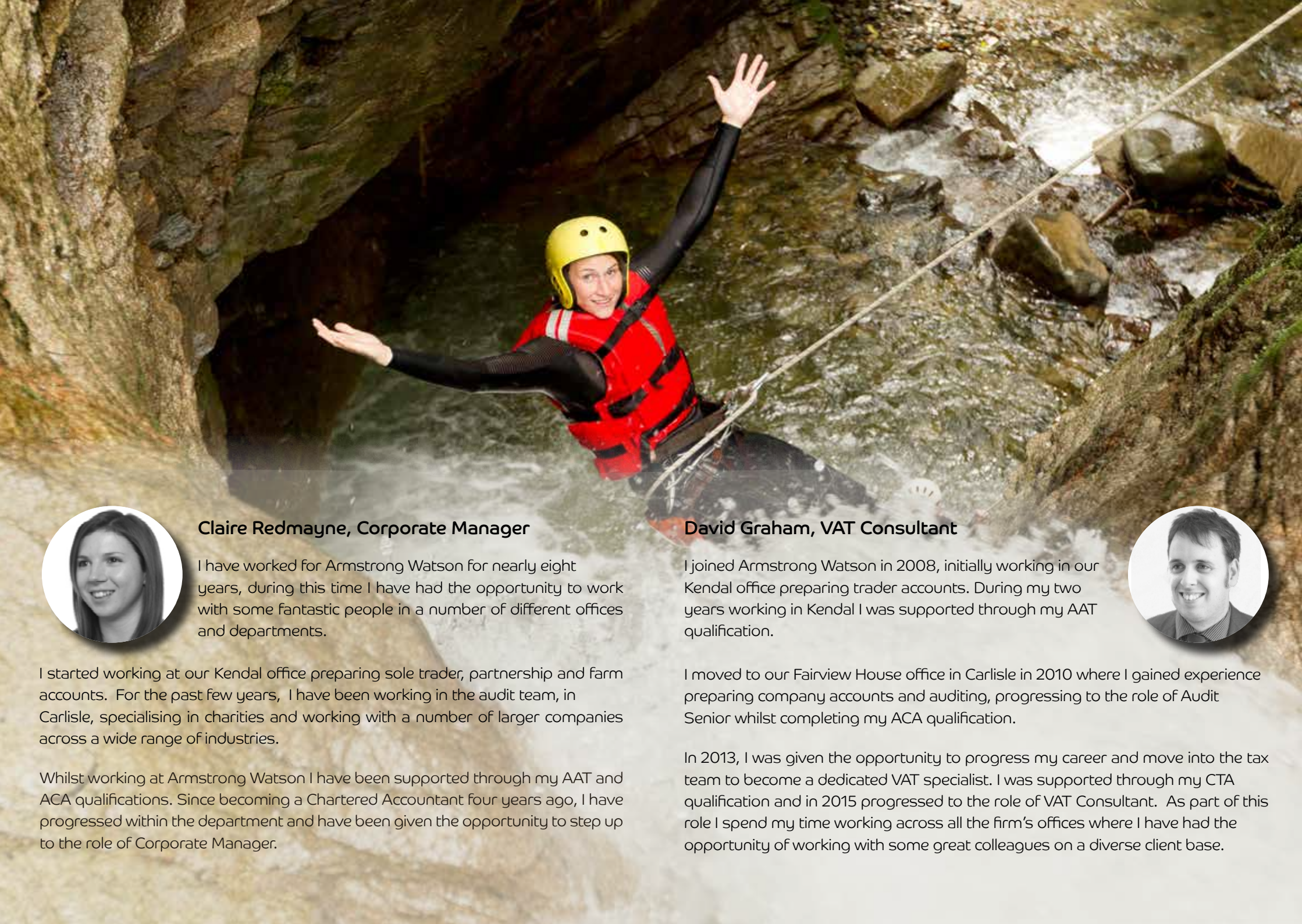
### Whitney Savage, Chartered Accountancy Trainee



I joined Armstrong Watson in September 2011 as part of the Chartered Programme. I am in the final year of the programme and have recently finished my final ACA exam which will allow me to qualify as a Chartered Accountant.

Throughout my studies I have received fantastic support from all colleagues involved in the study programme.

I have had the opportunity to work in a number of the firm's departments and offices, which has complimented my studies and given me a wide range of experience. I am currently working in the audit department and know that there will be endless opportunities to further my career within the firm. I value the ongoing support I will receive once finishing the Chartered Programme.



**Claire Redmayne, Corporate Manager**

I have worked for Armstrong Watson for nearly eight years, during this time I have had the opportunity to work with some fantastic people in a number of different offices and departments.

I started working at our Kendal office preparing sole trader, partnership and farm accounts. For the past few years, I have been working in the audit team, in Carlisle, specialising in charities and working with a number of larger companies across a wide range of industries.

Whilst working at Armstrong Watson I have been supported through my AAT and ACA qualifications. Since becoming a Chartered Accountant four years ago, I have progressed within the department and have been given the opportunity to step up to the role of Corporate Manager.



**David Graham, VAT Consultant**

I joined Armstrong Watson in 2008, initially working in our Kendal office preparing trader accounts. During my two years working in Kendal I was supported through my AAT qualification.

I moved to our Fairview House office in Carlisle in 2010 where I gained experience preparing company accounts and auditing, progressing to the role of Audit Senior whilst completing my ACA qualification.

In 2013, I was given the opportunity to progress my career and move into the tax team to become a dedicated VAT specialist. I was supported through my CTA qualification and in 2015 progressed to the role of VAT Consultant. As part of this role I spend my time working across all the firm's offices where I have had the opportunity of working with some great colleagues on a diverse client base.

# Our Chartered Accountancy Programme

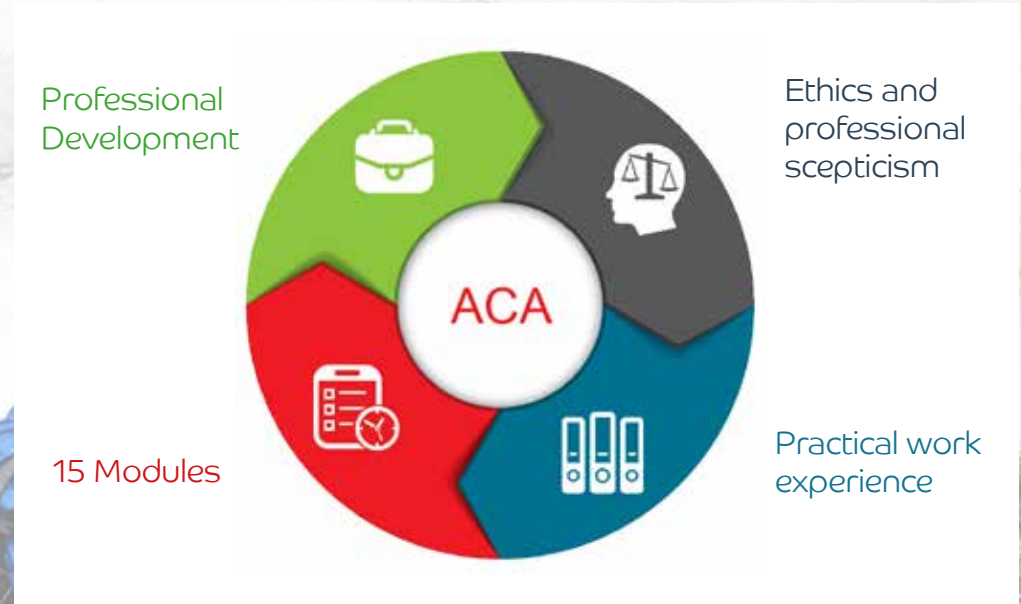
Armstrong Watson only recruit the best, we have a rigorous selection process and take pride in selecting people with the potential and drive to succeed and perform at the highest level.

## Your journey with Armstrong Watson...

When you join Armstrong Watson's Chartered Accountancy Programme your journey to a professional career will start. You will have a three year training contract during which time your tuition and exam fees will be paid by Armstrong Watson. You will be supported throughout the three years by your manager, accountancy profession counsellor, peer mentor and the whole team at Armstrong Watson.

We are investing in your future and we want you to become one of our stars

## ACA training – the qualification



## 15 accountancy, finance and business modules

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