

## Life as Graduate Business Intelligence Developer by Poppy

My first 6 months as a graduate BI developer at Merkle have been both challenging and rewarding. Right from the start I've been involved in client projects, never feeling like I was sat on the sidelines. You could say I was thrown in at the deep end, but of course my team have always been on hand to help if I have a question; even if I just need a lunch recommendation!

Exposure to different clients, different data and different BI tools means that no two days are the same and the opportunities for learning on the job are endless.

Regular social events have really helped me settle into the wider team and get to know people in the office who I might not cross paths with day to day. It's a cliché, but the office feels more like one big family than a collection of smaller teams, and I think this is a big part of the Merkle culture.

Merkle is about more than just Bristol, and the longer I am here, the clearer this becomes. I've collaborated with colleagues from several different offices including London, Edinburgh and Barcelona. I like the feeling that I'm part of something bigger.

My development since I started here has been beyond what I could have imagined. As with anything, you get out what you put in. This goes for work and play, and Merkle has plenty of opportunities to excel at both!

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