



## SALEHA ULLAH

INCOME DATA PROCESSOR

**BRIGHT FUTURES - FINANCE TEAM**

### BACKGROUND

My name is Saleha Ullah. My job title is Income Data Processor, and I have worked for Bright Futures Educational Trust since September 2022.

In 2007, after getting married, I moved to Manchester from Pakistan. I continued my education here in England and graduated from The University of Manchester in 2013 with a BA (Hons) Business Studies degree. After graduating, I immediately had my first daughter and within 18 months I was blessed with my second - which has kept me busy the past few years!

### MY JOURNEY

After both of my daughters were in full-time education, I felt that I was ready to look for a job, do something for myself, and put my degree to good use.

As I had never been in employment before, I knew it would be a challenge to find work. After trying for months, I was incredibly grateful to get a voluntary placement at Rushbrook Primary Academy (a Bright Futures school), in June 2022. Whilst on my placement, I found out more about the Trust and its Central Team, and my experience at Rushbrook Primary Academy led me to the Central Finance Team at Bright Futures, based at The Hub.

The team at the Hub was very welcoming and I was received warmly by everyone. I started my work experience at the Hub one day a week when a vacancy for a Data Entry Clerk came up. I was encouraged to apply for the role and was successful in the interview. I was in the role for six months before moving on to be part of the Income Team in my current role, where I am also studying for an ACCA apprenticeship.

### WHY I LOVE BRIGHT FUTURES

Each member of the Finance Team has been immensely supportive and guided me through my new role. The team's expertise, friendliness and helpful culture made me understand and ease into my new job comfortably. I have learnt a lot from every member of the team and continue to do so every day.

After my 6 months' probation period, I was offered the opportunity to work towards an accounting qualification. I am currently enrolled on an ACCA apprenticeship which has enabled me to gain in-depth knowledge of accounting and finance, learn new skills and work towards progression. In addition to the job-specific courses, other CPD courses are also offered to staff which can benefit them outside of their working life.

I always wanted a role where I could develop both personally and professionally to reach my true potential. Working for Bright Futures has not only provided me with the opportunities to develop professionally but it has also given me the best work-life balance, being a mother of two, by offering flexible/remote working hours.

I can confidently say that the Trust has provided me with all the opportunities to dream big, learn new skills and reach my goals, whilst enabling me to be present for my family. The culture here truly represents our Trust values of Community, Integrity, and Passion.