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Preparing for a job interview might feel daunting but with a bit of preparation it needn't be. Companies want you to do well and love it when you are prepared, knowledgeable and show a real interest in them. So follow these top tips to give yourself the best chance of getting the next job offer and rid yourself of those unwanted interview jitters.

1. Research the company. It might sound obvious, but do your homework about the company you are interviewing with. Go to their website, LinkedIn page or other social media platforms. Make a note of any particular projects or elements of their business that interest you. If you use a recruiter, they will be able to assist you in finding out about the company and giving helpful insights you can drop into the interview.

2. Have clear examples of the projects you have worked on and what you actually did on those projects, be precise about your actual role.



You could even bring notes or a folder to refer to if you need to. This not only shows your preparation but it will also help to aide your memory if you are feeling nervous.

3. Prepare 3 questions. Think about what you would like to ask about the role, the company or the culture. This is your chance face-to-face to find out if the company will actually fit with you and your needs.

Using these three top tips will give you the best chance of presenting yourself well at your next interview, help to relieve those unwanted nerves and get you the job!

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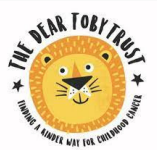
Will Pearce of Orange Appointments will be visiting **UCLAN** on Friday 29th April. Along with a Chartered Fire Engineer he will present to the fire engineering students and talk to them about the job market, getting a job after qualifying and some general information about the industry. Get in touch if you would like us to visit your university and go and say hi to Will if you see him at yours!

REC GOES RUNNING....AGAIN!

Will Pearce is running the Manchester Marathon on the 3rd April and hoping to get a personal best, beating an already respectable time of 2:50! He is raising money for The Dear Toby Trust, a charity very close to us at Orange Appointments.

If you would like to find out more or donate please visit the link below. Every penny raised goes to helping children with cancer. Good luck Will!

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/dttwillmanchestermarathon



LIFE IN THE FIRE ENGINEERING INDUSTRY

We recently asked professionals working in the fire safety industry to answer 20 questions to give some insight into what they do and help encourage others into this very understaffed industry. Here is what one of our connections told us.

What is your job title? Fire Engineering Technician

How long have you worked in this industry? Passive Fire for 3 years, Fire Engineering 5 months

Are you a chartered engineer? Not yet!

What drew you to fire engineering? It felt like the natural progression route for my career, and sense of achievement knowing what I am doing can potentially save lives.

What qualifications do you have? Lvl 3 Site Carpentry, FIRAS Technician

Where did you study? Tameside College, currently studying for the LVL 3 IFE PFP certificate

How do you explain your job in a nutshell? Review, advise, survey on fire safety elements within all types of buildings.

What company do you work for currently? OFR Consultants Ltd

What location is your office? Manchester, but we have offices all over the UK

How long have you been with this company? 5 months

What do you like about working there? Atmosphere, progression, benefits, work-life balance

Did you use Orange Appointments to help you with getting the job you're in? Yes, they did a fantastic job!

What did you like about using them to get this job? Always kept me updated, spoke frankly, informative about interview process, friendly and understanding of the fire engineering job market

What does a typical day look like? Depends, some days I could be doing site surveys, others could be in meetings or mostly reviewing fire safety documents and advising on previous fire safety installations for clients. Each day is different, which makes it exciting to work at OFR.

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What is the most challenging part of your job? Workloads can get a bit tough, but there is always help available and support when needed.

What has been a career highlight to date? Changing career aspect from installing PFP and fire doors to my current job behind a desk at OFR!

What skills have you found vital to your job? The on-site knowledge of PFP & Fire doors has proved vital for desktop and document reviewing at OFR, with some colleagues approaching me for help in relation to them!

What advice do you have for someone new to the industry or thinking about studying fire engineering?

It's a very exciting industry to be a part of, especially with its ever changing landscape and the new innovations coming through to make buildings as safe as possible. It can be tough, but is highly rewarding, don't ever be afraid to ask for help or guidance, a lot of the professionals in the fire engineering industry that I have met since starting at OFR are genuinely helpful. There are tonnes of Standards and Guidance documents that you will need to know about, there's no need to try to understand them all straight away as it can get overwhelming! Only read what you need to for each project!

This is a great insight and it goes to show that opportunities are out there with many companies who are prepared to invest in people and skills, even if you don't think you are completely qualified, it is worth asking the question.



LATEST VACANCIES

Orange Appointments have many different fire safety positions, at all levels, in locations across the UK and internationally. Check out our website for more details on the roles or give our office a call on 01242 467724

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£40k - £50k DOE

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ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR (FIRE ENGINEERING)

London

£85k+ DOE

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