

Miglena Atanasova

Computing for Industry Level 6 BSc (Hons) Degree (Top-Up) Higher Level
Apprenticeship

Applied Systems

Miglena commenced her SRC journey as a Level 3 Further Education student studying Information Technology. She has since completed the foundation degree in Cloud Computing Analytics and Security for Industry and the top-up BSc (Hons) Degree in Computing for Industry, both as a Higher Level Apprentice.

Miglena has always had an interest in Computing because it's such a broad and constantly evolving field. There's always something new to learn, and she enjoys the mix of technical problem-solving and creativity it involves.

The higher level apprenticeship pathway really appealed to Miglena because it allowed her to earn and learn at the same time, without the cost of university tuition or accommodation, and she could gain hands-on experience in the workplace while studying towards a recognised qualification. The practical element helped reinforce what she was learning in class and vice versa, and gave her a real understanding of how computing principles are applied in industry. Miglena says that, "You realise that what you're learning in class are the building blocks, the pieces of the puzzle, that come together when you apply them in a real job."

Miglena recognises that the HLA pathway is not without its challenges as it can be tough balancing work and study commitments, but she says it's important to remain focused on the end goal and why you are doing it.

Miglena is employed as Associate Engineer with Applied Systems and hopes to continue developing her skills and explore her interest in technology – the field where learning never stops and there are always new opportunities to grow!

