**Case Study:**

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**Katherine Darwent,**

**Graduate Management Trainee**

**Analyst, Killingholme**

Joined C. Ro Ports: 2021

Age at start: 24

Title: Graduate Management Trainee Analyst

**What do you do?**

*My name is Katherine Darwent, currently on the 1st year of a three-year level 6 Data Science degree with the New College of Humanities, London. I work as part of the data analysis team on a variety of projects, whilst being primarily attached to the Border Control Post where sanitary and phyto-sanitary checks are to be carried out on goods imported from the EU.*

**What do you enjoy most about your role?**

*I like breaking down problems and coming up with solutions. I also enjoy learning from specialists about how various aspects of the port work, and how these aspects impact other areas of operations. In a similar vein, studying data science has given me a greater appreciation of the underlying/surrounding conditions affecting my data analysis work.*

**What attracted you to the ports industry?**

*Ports are complex things – always something new to learn, and the intricacies of how operations work, and how one area impacts another, are fascinating. It’s a fast-paced environment where things can change rapidly, and a great deal of analytical and predictive work looking at this environment.*

**What attracted you to joining C. Ro Ports?**

*I knew from previous experience how helpful and supportive many of the staff here are. Everyone I’ve asked for advice or explanations, including senior management, have been willing to take the time to break things down and explain them. C.Ro cultivates a motivated and supportive environment, and it makes working here exciting and rewarding.*

**How have you benefitted from doing an apprenticeship?**

*Studying a course funded by the apprenticeship levy has allowed me to branch out into a new area, broadening my horizons in a way which also helps my current data analysis work. My course has also given me the opportunity to really mentally stretch myself by learning about new fields as well as gaining direct experience in them.*

**How do C.Ro Ports support you in your apprenticeship?**

*There is a dedicated Training Manager for employees on Apprenticeship Levy-funded courses, providing continual support. Management have been very supportive in providing access to opportunities where I can apply the skills I’m developing through my studies directly in the world of work.*