# A Graduate's Story

Brian McCormack, Graduate & Awarded Best Capstone Project (Life stream) 2020



Tips & Advice to help get you through 2021 & beyond

### About me







Worked in Golf industry before making a career change & returned to education as mature student Part of first Life stream to complete earn & learn program, obtaining level 8 degree while working full time. QFA Financial Advisor, halfway through completing RPA accreditation.

## Survival Tips



#### Time Management

Weekly/Monthly Targets



Ask Questions



Don't forget the fun!!

### Exam Hacks

#### Lecture recordings

Past Papers

- ▶ 30 minutes max study
- Read the questions twice



## Capstone Project

Try to find a topic that's interesting

Keep an open mind during the process as you may change direction

Attack the first 1000 words

Break down your workload into sections

## **Career Advancement Opportunities**



This degree will set you apart from other candidates in future



Employers value perseverance



Its not how you start, its how you finish



### Benefits of developing within your organisation

- Organisations prefer internal promotions
- You will shows skill sets that current colleagues do not have
- You may become assistant to the regional manager some day

# Looking Back: Benefits of the Apprenticeship Programme

Greater Career Opportunities

Industry Transferrable Skills

CV Boost

Huge sense of Accomplishment



Best of luck with the rest of your studies.

**Enjoy the journey!** 

# Questions?