

JOB TITLE:

Apprentice Software
Engineer

DEPARTMENT

Tech Team

Technical Team Testimonials

Q: WHAT DOES YOUR TYPICAL DAY AT WORK LOOK LIKE?

I start the day at around 8:30, first I catch up on Slack messages, there are a whole load of social channels, so there's always interesting things to read about. After that I have a look through the Squads pull requests, reviewing any that need it.

At 10:05 we have a squad stand up, here we go through the tickers everyone is working on, make sure there are no blockers, and everyone has the support they need.

After stand up, everyone gets on with their tickets. If I have any questions or problems, I go into my squads developer chat and ask, usually there's always someone willing to pop onto a call and help out.

We have a few weekly meetings, so depending on the day I might have one of these:

- If there are new tickets from the BA, we have an estimation review where everyone has the chance to look over the ticket, ask any questions and vote on how long it'll take.
- At the end of every sprint, we have a sprint review and sprint planning meeting, this gives everyone the chance to reflect back on the sprint and see what worked and what didn't. In the planning meeting the PM works out what can fit in the sprint with everyone's availability.
- On a Friday we have a team social after lunch, everyone just chats about whatever they want.
- On a Friday there's also a developer meeting for if there are any new technologies or changes happening, or just if there's something cool someone thinks should be shared with everyone.



Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PART OF YOUR JOB ROLE?

My favourite part of my job is learning. I started as a 4th year apprentice coming from a company that didn't do much development work, so I had a lot of knowledge gaps. I've learned a huge amount since starting and made a lot of progress with my coding. There's always someone willing to help out and explain what's going on with a ticket if I'm stuck. There's opportunities to try out different coding languages and work in both the front and back end of the system, so there's usually something new to learn and work on.

Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY THE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT GEAR4MUSIC?

My favourite part of working for Gear4music is the company culture. There's a big focus on wellbeing and mental health. This means that as a junior developer it's a stress-free environment where I can grow and progress while contributing meaningfully to the projects my Squad is working on. Everyone I have met has been really helpful and supportive, if I have any issues I know I can just drop a question in Slack and someone will be willing to jump on a call and help me out.

