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**Name:** James Quirk **Project Manager**

**What got you interested in your career?** I first became interested in a career in Project Management whilst at school as I wanted to organise club events. After looking into this and speaking to a family friend she told me about Construction PM and I decided this would be the career path I would follow

**How have you got to your present position?** I studied Project Management (non cognate) and received a 1<sup>st</sup> Class BSc Honors. I have since received my APM Practitioner Award from the APM and seeking my CIOB Chartership.

**What is a typical day for you?** There isn't a typical day which is why I love my job. I am currently on site delivering a new school as part of the BSF programme and my day normally includes meetings in the morning and inspections onsite later in the afternoon. The afternoons vary from day to day but would normally involve talking to stakeholders and ensuring everyone who should be involved is engaged with. It can be very intense when you are nearing a deadline and don't be surprised to see the project team with mops and cloths on the day before handover!

**What do you enjoy most about your role?** I like working as part of a team and dealing with people from different specialist areas. Multi Disciplinary working is very important in my role and you must have strong interpersonal skills.

**What interesting projects have you worked on?** I have been involved in Residential Developments. Town Centre Masterplanning, Concept Design work in the Health Sector and currently delivering a school as part of the BSF Programme.

**Are you working towards professional qualification? What support does your company provide?** Mace are very supportive but it is down to the individual to choose what additional qualifications they think they need. I know people who have completed Masters and MBA. I am currently looking to get my CIOB and then would like to be a Prince 2 Practitioner.

**What has been a highlight of your career so far?** Being promoted to Project Manager was a highlight but I think the best moment so far is handing over the New Build of Burnage Media Art College on time and budget. This was my first role as lead project manager and it was a real challenge but you can't appreciate the highs if you have not had a few lows and this project certainly had its fair share of ups and downs but to get there is a great feeling and to share it with a team is even better

**What are your future career ambitions?** I would like to stay with Mace Group and grow with the company. They work in so many different sectors and work on some of the most iconic projects there is no need to move companies.