



A new horizon for Simmons Gainsford



Welcome!

Sharon Mugisha has joined our team in London as an HR Administrator.

Sharon has recently made the switch to responsible shopping to help reduce landfills!



Welcome!

Ethan Griek has joined us as an AAT Apprentice in London. Ethan's main hobby is football, but he also enjoys swimming, squash and tennis!

We are delighted to have completed our move to our new offices on the 14th floor of 33 Cavendish Square.

We remain situated near Oxford Circus underground station and of course London's iconic West End.

We were very keen to stay in the heart of this vibrant area and be just as accessible as before.

By moving to an open plan office design, we have created a flexible working environment. We are continuing with our blend of office and remote working which we believe will continue to be beneficial in the future.

Our new address is 14th Floor, 33 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0PW.

[> Read more](#)

Look out for...

Chancellor Rishi Sunak will present the Autumn Budget on 27 October, alongside the Spending Review. We will be keeping clients updated with all the key announcements.

[> Read our preview](#)





SG Insight: Apprenticeships

As part of Uckfield College's Career Fair 2021 initiative, we interviewed Thomas Kianfar who is an apprentice at our bookkeeping business Fl3xiBooks.

Thomas - who has been with us for almost two years - described a typical day in the life of a Fl3xiBooks apprentice and talked about studying for a professional qualification, career pathways and the benefits of working and learning at the same time.

We also interviewed Fl3xiBooks director, **Jane Atherton**, to gain an insight into the company's apprenticeship programme and how it coped with the pressures of lockdown. You can watch the [full video here](#).



SAF Students Prize Gibraltar

We are delighted to be sponsoring the Sovereign Art Foundation Students Prize in Gibraltar this year.

SAF runs ten Student Prizes around the world and Gibraltar is the latest addition to the portfolio. This award celebrates the talent and quality of artworks of 11-18-year-old students in Gibraltar, whilst highlighting the importance of art in the education system and rewarding the institutions that nurture this talent.

The overall winner of this prize will be determined by the judging panel comprising Gibraltarian contemporary artist, Christian Hook; Gallerist and Curator Magda Bellotti, Arts & Heritage

professor Gabriela Giménez, and Howard Bilton, Founder and Chairman of SAF.

The Sovereign Art Foundation (SAF) is a charitable organisation founded in 2003 to recognise, support and promote contemporary art talent; and to bring the therapeutic benefits of art to disadvantaged children.

To find out more about the Prize, please visit the [website](#). All enquiries should be directed to [Sophie Blake](#).

“We are excited to be able to give students in Gibraltar this platform and opportunity.”



Getting to know

Darius Bogdan-Ionut

Darius recently joined us in London as an Audit Senior - a role which will entail leading client audit engagements from planning to completion and supervising audit teams on assignments.

Q Hi Darius, a warm welcome to Simmons Gainsford. Please can you give us a bit of background about yourself and your journey so far?

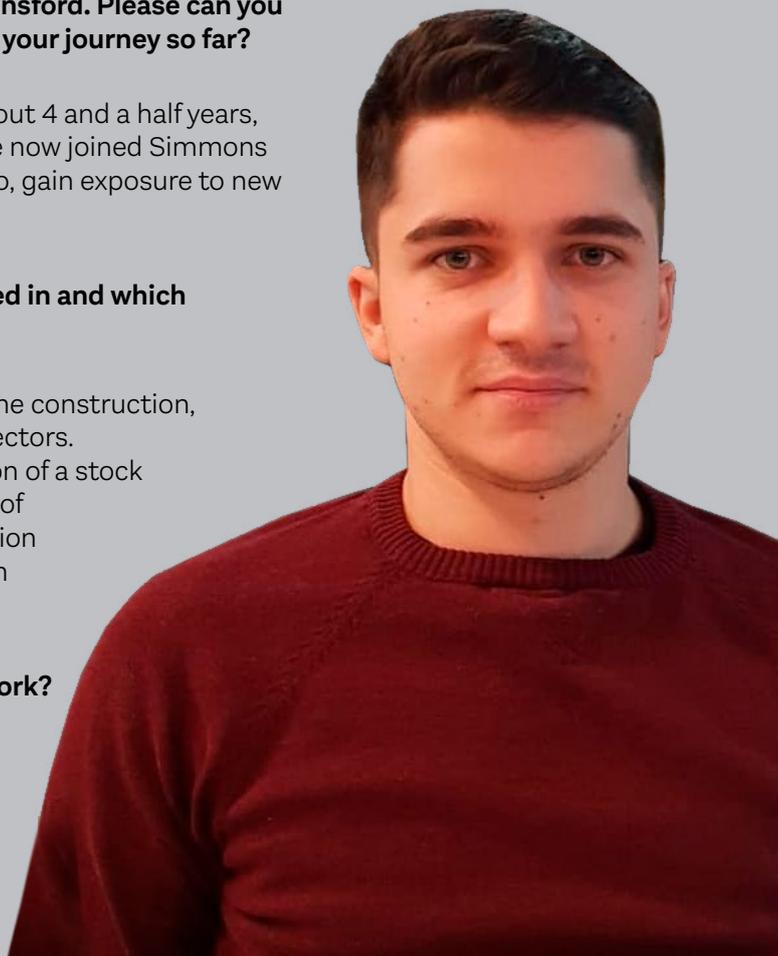
A Thanks! I worked in a different practice for about 4 and a half years, where I trained and became ACA qualified. I have now joined Simmons Gainsford as I want to increase my skills portfolio, gain exposure to new clients, and expand my level of knowledge.

Q What kind of projects have you been involved in and which industries have you covered in your career?

A Clients I have worked with have operated in the construction, biomedicine, catering, IT, retail and non-profit sectors. Projects I've been involved in include the creation of a stock system for a company which sells high volumes of second-hand goods, designing share capitalisation structures and transferring multiple clients from one accountancy system to another.

Q What do you enjoy doing most outside of work?

A In my spare time I like to go to the gym, read, and I am a member of a Romanian church where I help with the organising of weekly services. I also have a dog who keeps me very busy!



Tax Returns Deadline

HMRC has reminded Self Assessment taxpayers that the deadlines for filing 2020/21 tax returns are now approaching.

The deadline for 2020/21 tax returns is 31 October 2021 for those completed on paper forms and 31 January 2022 for online returns.

This year, customers will also have to declare if they received any grants or payments from coronavirus (COVID-19) support schemes up to 5 April 2021, as these are taxable.

For further information please visit the [GOV.UK website](https://www.gov.uk).



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Financial Focus

As we settle into Autumn after a challenging Summer worldwide, there are several developments to factor into financial planning.

In their latest issue of Financial Focus, our team at SGFS looks at the adjustments to end of work patterns over the last year and the positives of a gradual transition from full time work to full time retirement.

Also on the agenda are the benefits of income protection to help cover unforeseen events such as future health issues and repayment schedules in respect of student loan schemes.

[Read the latest issue here](#)



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