My name is Kieran, I’m on the Global Commercial Banking Strategic Programme. I found out about the Strategic Graduate Programme when I was on an internship.

When you think of internships, sometimes you think of making coffees or doing tasks that don’t really mean much. But on the HSBC internship programme it really wasn’t like that, because you really got to get stuck straight into the work and get to do some really exciting things quite quickly.

The Strategic Programme consists of four, six month placements where you get to spend six months in a completely different area of the bank in order to gain a really wide skill set which you wouldn’t gain on any other programme.

I would describe the experience as something where I’ve learned so much so quickly. Since I’ve gone straight into the project you really get to see what things are like first hand, to be part of a team and to learn and experience new things.

We make it easier for customers to do business because we’re constantly innovating our digital platforms.

In my first placement I’ve been in the digital team so I’ve got to help to deliver cutting edge new projects and features for our customers.

At HSBC we have access to thousands of different development resources and we can really pinpoint and choose where we want our development to focus on to make out of our career.

One part that I’ve been focusing on is a course in strategic innovation and banking. So, I’ve been thinking about how we can be the best bank for the future and enable our customers to do the most with their bank.

My ambition for the future is to try as many different things and to learn as much as I can within HSBC. There’s so many different areas which you can do. I’m looking forward to exploring all the different aspects and learning as much as I can.