

# Nathan Cooke

## AUDITOR

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ACA-qualified external auditor with five years of experience at KPMG Birmingham, working across manufacturing, retail, and real estate clients. Currently a Senior Associate leading audit fieldwork on engagements with fees up to £500,000. I have managed teams of up to 6 people and signed off on audit areas including revenue, inventory, and group consolidation. Looking to build on my experience in a senior audit or internal audit role.

## EXPERIENCE

### Senior Associate – Audit, KPMG LLP, Birmingham

Sep 2023 – Present

Lead auditor on 4–5 annual engagements across the Midlands region, primarily manufacturing and real estate clients.

- Lead audit fieldwork on engagements with fees ranging from **£150,000 to £500,000**, managing teams of 3–6 staff
- Managed the **Year 1 audit of a £320 million industrial property REIT** – established the audit approach and completed on time despite a compressed timeline
- Signed off on **revenue recognition, inventory valuation, and lease accounting (IFRS 16)** across all engagements
- Received **Q2 2025 performance recognition** for audit quality – zero review notes from the engagement partner on my largest client

### Associate – Audit, KPMG LLP, Birmingham

Sep 2021 – Aug 2023

Second and third year of the ACA training contract, working primarily on manufacturing and retail audits.

- Completed testing across **cash, trade receivables, trade payables, and fixed assets** for 6–8 clients per year
- Led the **inventory count observation** at 3 manufacturing sites with combined stock values of £45 million
- Passed all **15 ACA exams first time** while maintaining a full audit workload across busy season

### Trainee – Audit, KPMG LLP, Birmingham

Sep 2020 – Aug 2021

First year of the graduate training programme within the regional audit practice.

- Performed audit testing on **8 engagements** across retail, hospitality, and property sectors
- Completed **bank confirmation processes** and substantive analytical procedures for cash and revenue
- Assisted with **3 interim audit visits** – documented internal controls and walkthrough testing

## EDUCATION

### BSc (Hons) in Accounting and Finance, University of Warwick, Coventry

Sep 2017 – Jun 2020

Upper Second Class Honours (2:1). Selected for the KPMG Undergraduate Programme in second year, which included a 6-week summer placement.

## SKILLS

External Audit (ISA UK Standards) • IFRS & UK GAAP (FRS 102) • Revenue Recognition Testing • Inventory Observation & Valuation • IFRS 16 Lease Accounting • Group Consolidation Audits • Excel (Advanced – Pivot Tables, VLOOKUP, Data Analysis) • KPMG Clara Audit Platform • Internal Controls Testing (Walkthroughs & ToC) • Risk Assessment & Materiality Calculations

## CERTIFICATIONS

### ACA – Associate Chartered Accountant, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

Jul 2023

### KPMG Data Analytics for Audit Certificate, KPMG LLP

Feb 2024

## LANGUAGES

English (native)

## PROJECTS

### Year 1 Audit – Industrial Property REIT

Jan 2024 – Jun 2024

Led the planning and fieldwork for the inaugural audit of a newly listed industrial REIT with £320 million in property assets.

- Established the **audit approach from scratch** – developed the risk assessment, materiality, and sampling methodology
- Coordinated with **3 property valuers** to validate the investment property portfolio
- Completed the engagement **on time and under budget** despite the Year 1 complexity

### Inventory Audit Improvement – Manufacturing Client

Jan 2023 – May 2023

Redesigned the inventory audit approach for a manufacturing client with £45 million in stock across 3 warehouse locations.

- Introduced **stratified sampling** replacing the previous random approach – improved coverage of high-value items by 40%
- Reduced **inventory testing time by 2 days** per location while increasing audit coverage

## REFERENCES

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### **Harriet Shaw**

Audit Manager, KPMG LLP  
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### **Richard Buxton**

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## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

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### **ICAEW Birmingham Young Members Committee**

Organise quarterly networking events for newly qualified accountants in the Birmingham area. Last event attracted 65 attendees.

Jan 2024

### **Cricket – Moseley Ashfield Cricket Club**

Play in the Saturday 2nd XI during the summer season. Also help coach the under-15s on Thursday evenings.

Sep 2018