

**Name:** Frank Brandon

**Age:** 23

**Level of Study:** Masters, MA Architecture

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**Why did you choose to apply to JSA for your Part 1 placement?**

Throughout my research into JSA it was clear they demonstrated an experienced team, with a variety of high-quality projects in both public and private realms. I was looking for an opportunity, provided by JSA, to experience the architectural industry across a variety of RIBA Stages, while obtaining mentoring and guidance.

**What range of projects have you worked on, which was your most enjoyable and why?**

Over the course of my employment at JSA I worked on a range of project at diverse scales. Ranging from residential masterplans of 9+ houses, to single residential houses, to private extensions. Possibly the most diverse and enjoyable was the conversion of an agricultural chicken shed to a residential dwelling. This project was one of the first to provide an insight into planning submission from start to finish, considering design, planning and technical principles.

**How has your time at JSA further developed your architectural education?**

Ultimately, working at JSA in my year out has ensured that I achieve my RIBA Part 1. Aside from this, it has provided me with a broad experience and insight into the architectural industry, allowing me to demonstrate a confidence when applying for my masters and RIBA Part 2.

**In your opinion, why should students apply to join JSA for their professional placement?**

Upon reflection, the encouragement of independence and ownership of projects was invaluable to my own and any Part 1's development. This, along with the wealth of high-quality projects in both public and private realm, demonstrates JSA's capacity to successfully guide and broaden a student's competence within the industry. Aside from personal development, the JSA team provide a productive working environment and are always striving to enhance their architectural practice.

**Sum up JSA in three words?**

Professional, Attentive, Collaborative

**What is your best achievement at JSA?**

Apart from various planning submissions and collective works within the practice, my greatest achievement at JSA are the connections I've made.