



## News Release

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### Emma Fitzpatrick wins prestigious prize



Student Accountant, Emma Fitzpatrick will receive one of the most prestigious awards made to students by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

Emma Fitzpatrick who works for regional Business Advisers Cooper Parry has won the Carter Prize for the highest AAT top up mark in Financial Accounting in the country, achieving a national order of merit. Her award includes an invitation to London to accept a prize and certificate.

The Carter Prize is presented in memory of former ICAEW president Roger Neale Carter, for outstanding performance in the AAT 'Top up' Accounts exam.

The AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians) papers are designed for students progressing from AAT to the ACA chartered accountancy qualification. Emma intends to qualify as a chartered accountant and to specialise in audit.

Paul Rowley, Audit Partner at Cooper Parry said, "This is truly an outstanding achievement."

A delighted Emma said, "It's great to win the award, I really didn't expect to do so well as I'd been unwell prior to the exams."

Ade Cheatham Partner and Chief Operational Officer at the firm said, "This is a fantastic achievement and is reflective of Emma's hard work. Her achievement highlights our commitment to attracting and retaining the very best people in the region."

In addition, the firm is also celebrating the success of their other audit students, David Wills, Ed Hamblin, Jessica Wright, and Sarah Kersley who have gained a 100% success rate in their professional stage 1st year exams (FA and AA) - and Sharon Kaur 2nd year (FR).

In 2008 fellow colleague, Emma Crooks who also works in Audit was awarded the RJ Weston Prize when she received the highest marks in the ACA advanced stage examinations in Derbyshire.

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