

Houses of parliament internship video transcript



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This is the video transcript for Megan Cunningham's interview about her Houses of Parliament internship on the [student profiles \(/partners/employers/student-profiles.aspx\)](#) page.

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My name is Megan Cunningham and I study Ancient History and a module of International Relations, and I did my two week internship in Teresa May's office in the Houses of Parliament.

Describe your work

We dealt with problems in her constituency, we also had ministerial correspondence. But I also had to research certain topics in the media at the moment. For such a large topic you can shorten it down into an article so she could read and use it to write her speeches with.

What skills did you bring to the organization?

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How did your achievement impact on the organization?

I had to read through the new National Security Strategy which was a massive document, and I had to condense it into a four-page article which was a lot of work. It was an achievement for the organization because she actually used it in one of her speeches and so she took the knowledge that I had produced and so when she gave her speech in the House of Commons I noticed she was using lots of the information that I had produced.