

{ 60-SECOND INTERVIEW }

IAN COOPER TREASURY SENIOR ANALYST, 3i

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How did you get into treasury?

I joined 3i in a group finance role, part of which included providing analysis on treasury-related activities. I thought it was a great opportunity to gain experience in treasury, an area that was (and still is) becoming increasingly important at board level across all companies.

Why did you decide to do the AMCT qualification?

The AMCT was recommended to me by both the 3i group treasurer and the 3i deputy group treasurer, who is MCT-qualified. They said it would assist me in my role and they were right.

Did anything surprise you about the course?

Nothing stands out as surprising, other than getting three distinctions out of three!

What was the most important thing that you learned during the course?

I gained lots of invaluable knowledge and refreshed knowledge I had forgotten from university.

What's your top study tip for AMCT students?

The ACT revision courses as they focus on question practice, which is the best way to revise close to the exam.

How has the AMCT qualification benefited you in your career so far?

It's been a great benefit in helping me to understand the various treasury instruments that 3i uses. I have used risk evaluation and investment appraisal techniques to assist in board-level decisions. This has helped to raise my profile and I have recently been promoted to a new treasury analyst role.

What's the best thing about being a member of the ACT?

Getting *The Treasurer* magazine, obviously!

What's your ultimate career goal?

To be an FD working in a challenging environment.

Who is your greatest inspiration and why?

English rugby player Jonny Wilkinson. I read his autobiography a while back and was quite inspired by his dedication to be the best.

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DATES

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19 March, London

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20 March, London

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