

The Bus Journey

After a cold and damp winter this was spring coming in with all guns blazing. Walking to the bus stop with the park on one side of the road, and gleaming white regency buildings on the other, was my wake up time, and since I'd started skipping coffee for this fast paced stroll, this kind of weather certainly did the trick.

I take a bus from here on into the city. 10 minutes of to-ing and throw-ing but it's rarely crowded and mostly leisurely, especially as it gives me time to send a few texts and set up any potential socialising for after work. As a secretary working in a large yet friendly firm I'm fairly unstressed most of the time.

But it makes me wonder sometimes whether I should climb up some sort of career ladder, whether I'm just hiding from any more challenging roles. Working through an agency gives me a lot of freedom, or at least gave me a lot of freedom flitting from place to place with no long term office politics to deal with and things like that.

I pick up a [PA jobs](#) section from a newspaper that someone's left behind on a seat in front of me, and skim through. I'd like to apply for a permanent position, but I'd definitely need to train for new skills. Most 'proper' [secretarial jobs](#) require a range of abilities and knowledge that sometimes you can't always learn from just any secretary job.

But the glorious weather has inspired me. I think about the qualifications I do have, and how to build on them. The bus swerves round a corner – somebody's eager – and I slide along the seat a little. I think of last year's skiing holiday and the sunshine on the mountains. What a relief it is after those gloomy winter months to finally get some decent weather, and it's so much more profound in the city when it's like this. Puts everyone in a good mood.

Careers advice is hard to come by in the work place, and it's kind of weird for me to just ask for something without offering something in exchange, but I do need some sort of challenge in my job that's going to be worthwhile and build on what I can do so far.

I'm nearly there now, and from the bus stop it's just a hop skip and jump from the gleaming office block off the main street. I'm all set for the day. I'm still holding that newspaper jobs section so I tuck it under my arm – don't want to give my office manager the jitters – they've come to rely on me but then again, there's always the possibility they'd take me on permanently.

About the Author

[Recruitment blog](#) is a small part of me at the moment, being in the situation where I am also exchanging jobs at the moment I have the sweetest dreams about the future!

<http://www.secretarialcareers.co.uk> Secretary Job recruitment is my favorite site

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