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What Career are you in, and what sort of things does this entail?

Environmental Consultancy. Assessment of the environmental impact of infrastructure and property projects and helping clients to reduce and mitigate impacts across areas such as sustainability, ecology, air quality, noise, hydrology and landscape & visual.

What inspired you to go into your chosen career?

Always had a keen interest in geography and understanding the relationship between people and the surrounding environment. Studied geography through GCSE and A-Level at Malbank and continued through under/post graduate at university

What advice would you give to anyone interested in working in your career area?

You need to have genuine passion and enthusiasm but with that comes opportunity to make a real difference to the environments in which we live. Lots of different avenues to explore, from specialising in one particular topic area (e.g. ecology) to generalists and project management. Whilst it helps, you don't have to have a specialist environmental degree, there are lots of transferable skills. Try contacting environmental consultancies directly to see if they offer placements/ work experience or someone there who would talk through career paths and opportunities, or seek out related volunteer work.

What do you know now, that you wish you'd known when you were leaving Malbank?

Don't panic or worry if you don't have a specific career path already identified and just focus on areas you have a genuine interest in and enjoy, lots of other people are in a similar situation! Experience and personal skills can be just as important as academic qualifications.

If you would like to get in touch with Matt to find out more about careers like this, please contact Mr Batty in the Sixth Form Office, or via Teams