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

I'm an accountant in an international animal pharmaceutical company. We make medication for animals such as vaccines for cats, dogs and even chickens. In my spare time I chair a local award-winning triathlon club which encourages others to be healthy.

## **What inspired you to go into your chosen career?**

I decided to choose a career that was well paid and would always be in demand by companies whether the economy went well or not. It is also a career that enables me to travel the world when I want to. I've worked in France, Spain, USA, Netherlands as well as 16 years in London. I did actually use the french I learnt from Malbank as well as a good study and work ethic in my career journey. You have to do extra exams after sixth form to become an accountant but at Malbank I learnt early on that when you put in extra effort to study when others wont, then you can actually get better things for your life.

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

People of all ages are surrounded my distractions and they often struggle to focus on things. Good things take time to do so decide what is important and focus on that. You will have some failures but don't let those put you off as this is the journey to success. This applies if you want to be an accountant, lawyer, engineer or anything like this.

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

Most people are faking it in life and are just as nervous about getting things wrong as you might be. This applies to teachers, politicians, doctors, parents - all kinds. So if you feel the same, this is normal and is your comfort zone expanding - look up comfort zones so you can understand them better. This will help you to embrace diversity and change so that you can learn and evolve as you experience these. I wish I had also learnt that people are interdependent which means people need you and you need them so remember to get the balance right between how you value yourself and others.

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